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Neuchâtel Graduate Conference 2024

In which role did you participate in the conference? (multiple answers)

Role	Count
I gave a presentation	33
I was speaker in one plenary event	5
I acted as mentor on session(s)	3
I attended but did no active role	2
I acted as member of the staff	1
I chaired parallel session(s)	1
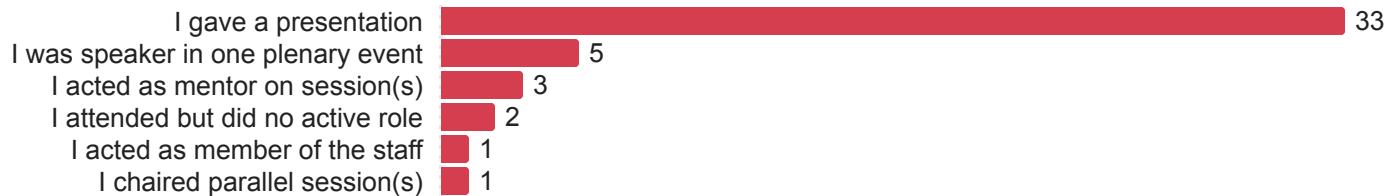
How did you hear about the Conference? (multiple answers)

Source	Count
via members of the NCCR	12
E-News of the NCCR	10
Other (please specify)	8
past participations	5
social media (Twitter)	5
mailing to research institutions	4
at another conference	1
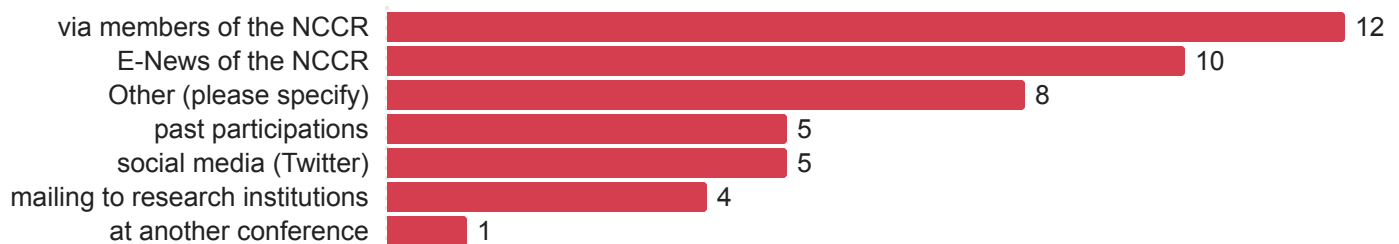
What did you most appreciate about the conference?

workshop environment mentor ambiance exchange size academic research people fund organization create content atmosphere friendly enjoy field migration feedback opportunity

Good size, excellent organization, meeting people!

Bringing together the most diverse crowd of migration researchers was memorable to me

The organization and the schedule of the conference is very good. The scope and the quality of the studies are large are large and high.

Academic exchanges and networking

the atmosphere that created space for precious feedback on the presented work

Its size and format

I think the conference was well-organised overall. I also liked how kind everyone was to us when we arrived. Both the conference panels and the workshops were highly informative. Finally, I enjoyed the location where our accommodations were set up and the meals that were served.

I really enjoyed the program and the fact that it was small enough to attend most of the sessions and engage with most of the participants. I also appreciated the different workshops that were included, which I think were very original.

Convergence of senior and early career scholars

Human relationships

The friendly ambiance and the interdisciplinarity

ambiance and small scale that allows for good contact with people - great staff!!

the structure

Interesting content

The provision of mentor

people and environment

I really liked how the event was organized, allowing for exchanges between participants during and after the panels. I also really liked how the event was created to discuss academic "failures."

It was very well organised.

Conference's format envisaging mostly participation of doctoral students, feedback from mentors, and limited conference's size

The whole organization was perfect

The presenattion selections were fantastic - bringing together a good variety of scholarly work. Without the funding I would not have had the opportunity.

I love how people shared and talked about immigration topic. And, especially I felt so thankful to your school's dedication to connect everyone together.

The thoroughness and quality of the feedback.

great atmosphere and people

1. The conference organization was spot on 2. Researchers from diverse background and across the globe

Opportunity to learn about other researches in the field, networking

Exchange with many other young researchers from different fields.

The atmosphere; the setting of the conference; time available per presentation (30min)

Eye opening and educational

Intimate setup; full funding; supportive logistical team

Starting a PhD program, it was a huge opportunity to have concrete examples of PhD topics related to migration phenomenon, from students all over the world

An environment that was so friendly but also enabled critical exchanges beyond disciplines.
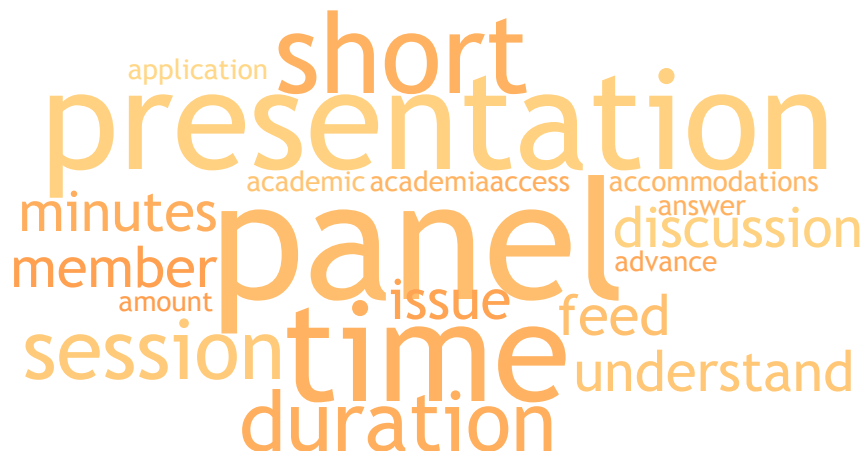
Excellent organization and funding resources

Invaluable feedback from mentors and generous grant for international travel and accommodation

the atmosphere, immaculate organization, content of workshops and roundtables/keynotes

Organization

What did you least appreciate about the conference?

Nothing, the conference was all I was informed it was. As a visiting fellow then, I wished I had realized earlier that I should make a presentation application for this year's conference.

From my side, every session of the conference was good.In general I liked a lot to attend it. Only it is important to think about to increase the duration of the presentation. 10 minutes is too short for the researcher and audience to understand the message.

Lack of collegiality from some participants

the panel on academic failure among professors only (aka the successful people in academia)

vigating from the university, where we picked up our keys, to our accommodations was challenging for me because I was unfamiliar with the city. For everyone's convenience, I would advise retaining volunteers at least through the first day. Additionally, I had hoped for more time to tour the city during the conference, but due to its short duration, that was not really possible..

There were some technical problems that significantly delayed the start of the panels, leaving less time for Q&A. The staff members did their best to solve these as soon as possible.

Feeding

Overleaps of interesting panels

feeding

Nothing.

I think there was nothing to complain or least appreciate. I enjoyed it a lot.

I liked everything, but I think there were too many panels at a time. I would have liked to see more speeches, but I didn't have time. Maybe a longer duration with fewer panels at a time would have allowed me to appreciate it more.

Amounts of feedback from mentors varied greatly from session to session, which seems easy to fix though

Being kicked out of a session due to capacity issues. I registered for a work shop and was unfortualtely removed form the list due to capacity limits.

I would like to answer "nothing".

the awkwardness of networking

there is no such a thing

Time for presentation was very short relative to time for discussion.

I understand the motivation to reserve time for the discussion. But in my case (mixed-methods study, two presenters), for example, 10 minutes of presentation time was not enough.

The conference was top notch

Too short; it could've been at least 3 days.

It was sometimes frustrating to have too many options, hard to choose a single panel but at least I could always find a presentation close from my project thesis issues

I was having some difficulty in accessing the public wifi but it was resolved the second day. I would appreciate it if we could get to know our panel members in advance

the weather

Satisfaction with the communication
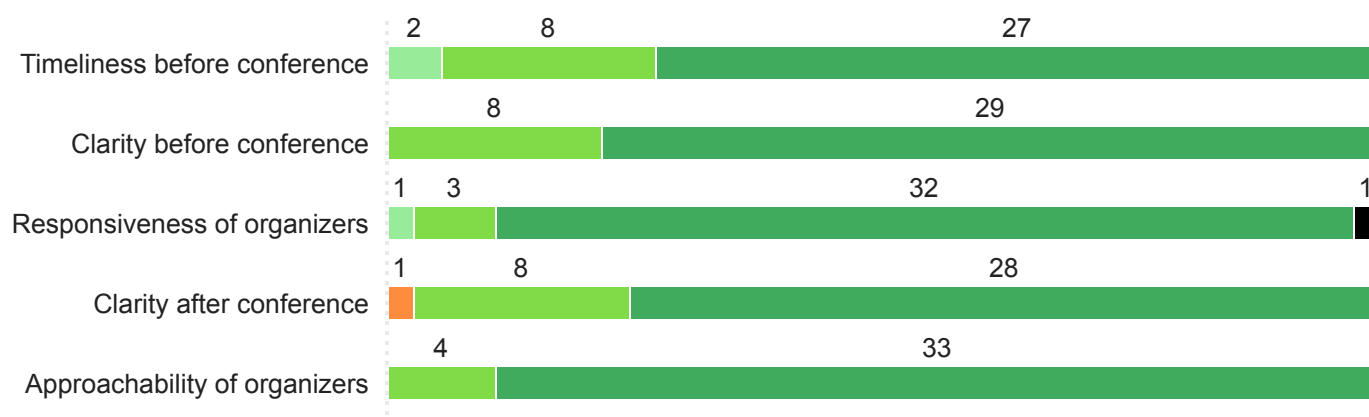
How we can improve the communication for next year

None for now.

None

I propose having student volunteers available to assist with people's navigation during the conference.

I think the communication and organization-related information could be provided much earlier, prior to the conference dates.

maybe be more clear about about who would be awarded the financing for the event. I had it - and I was very happy about it - but it took me a while to know that I would actually be able to travel, which made my transfer a little more expensive.

Responsiveness wasn't always perfect but generally it was fine and did not disrupt the process of preparation for the conference

More workshops possibly - it would have been great to leave with a new skill.

I think everything was so fine.

no

all good, just continue

Everything was great, I would just perhaps suggest to condense all practical info in a single email next time

Add to FAQ that accommodation has to be self-organized. I know this is standard, but I was still confused :)
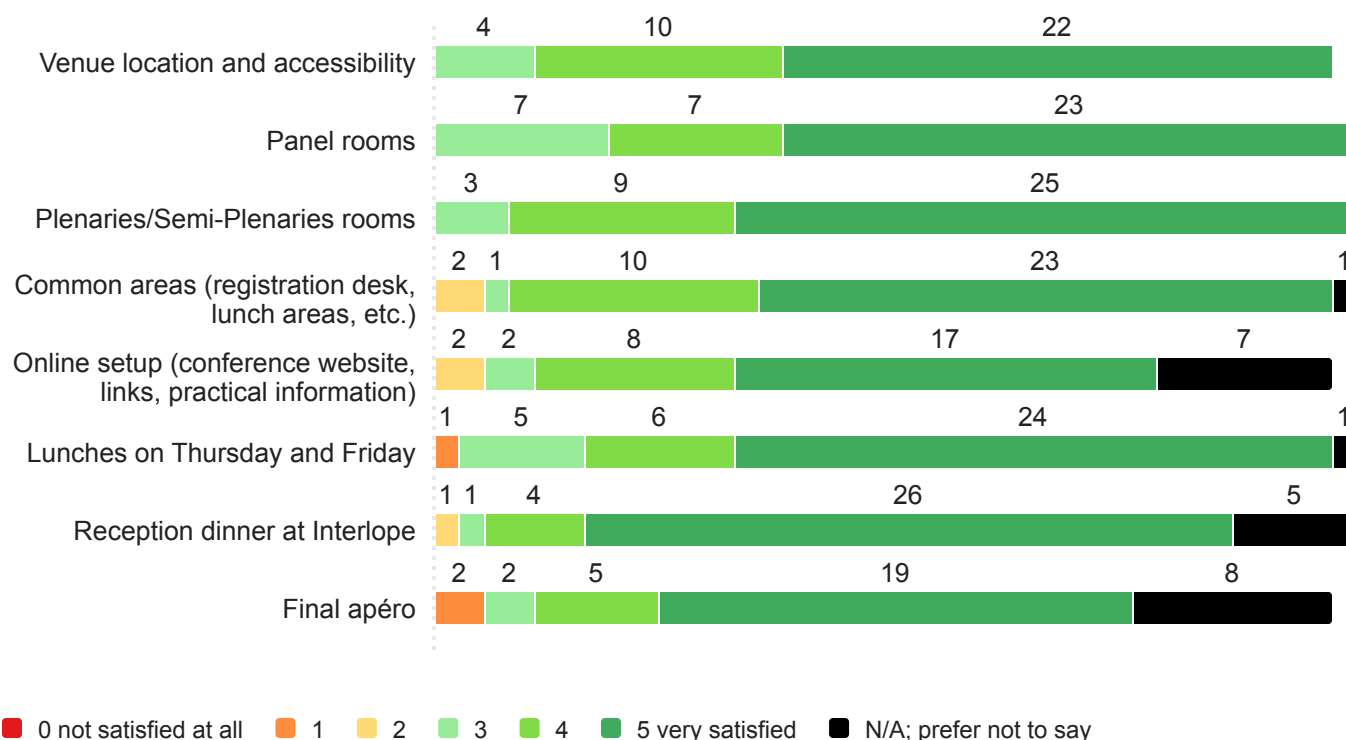
Communication was effective

I appreciate that the date of the next session has already been communicated. I didn't hear about the conference, my thesis supervisor advertised me. Probably putting forward the event in the UniNE website, few months before the event.

It would be good to offer practical information about travel and accommodation (especially the latter as Neuchatel is quite expensive) a bit earlier.

I would have liked to receive (all) abstracts/papers in advance, or after the conference

Grateful for the highly professional and efficient communication despite large amounts of inquiries (I can imagine) from conference participants. It would be much appreciated if you could state in a more detailed way about the content of grant—this generously covers a lot, even visa fee and medical insurance!

more social media publicity

Your satisfaction with the following elements

Element					
Venue location and accessibility		4	10	22	
Panel rooms		7	7	23	
Plenaries/Semi-Plenaries rooms		3	9	25	
Common areas (registration desk, lunch areas, etc.)	2	1	10	23	1
Online setup (conference website, links, practical information)	2	2	8	17	7
Lunches on Thursday and Friday	1	5	6	24	1
Reception dinner at Interlope	1	1	4	26	5
Final apéro	2	2	5	19	8

■ 0 not satisfied at all　■ 1　■ 2　■ 3　■ 4　■ 5 very satisfied　■ N/A; prefer not to say

How we can improve the logistics

None for now

Also include Asian foods

Not really. Neuchatel is expensive to reach, and that's just the way it is!

I had to chase the participants to upload their papers and be able to read them to provide better comments. Was a requirement for confernece participants to upload their papers? If so, maybe this could be made clearer for next year.

Some of the sessions that were supposed to be accessible online were locked.

What needs improvement is the accommodation provided to students. I stayed in a dormitory where the bathroom was not well-maintained, which made it difficult to feel comfortable.

maybe more signs in English and access ramps

Perhaps, adding hot dishes and soups :)

Larger printouts of the venue information. Larger for those who might need more visually accessible text. Otherwise, one of the best organised confernces I have participated in.

the slides were sometimes not very visible in the panel rooms due to the sunny day

Some plenary rooms were too noisy, especially the one where the quantitive workshops took place

Tables on the terrace and in the canteen were limited and therefore quickly taken by the same groups / people. A larger room with longer tables could help to create a bit more movement.

Troubleshoot the projectors early on. There was a panel that got delayed due to technical issues (definitely understandable!) but took away some precious time. Rooms were also hot but since it was summer in Europe, it was to be expected.
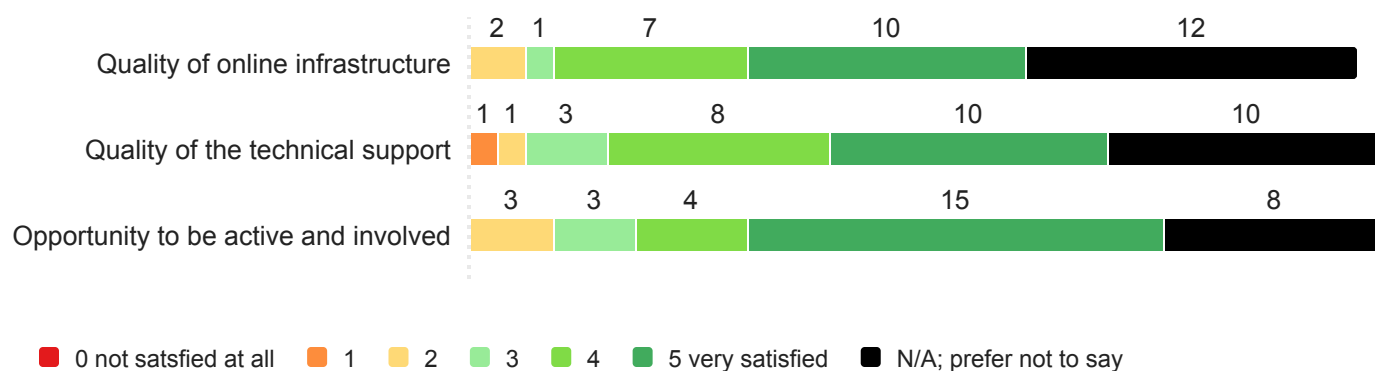
Maps were very useful. Maybe (just maybe) a full map of the city and main points for us with walking distances (Gina's Office, accomodation, Rooms for sessions, Apero location, etc.) would be great. Many of us did not count on Internet connection in the streets and had no idea about the distances (probably because of the hills).

i appreciate the organisers

How did you participate in the conference?

in presence	31
online	0

Infrastructure provided by Webex

Quality of online infrastructure: 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 12

Quality of the technical support: 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 10

Opportunity to be active and involved: 3 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 8

Legend:
- 0 not satsfied at all
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 very satisfied
- N/A; prefer not to say

Comment on the hybrid format

None for now

See my last comment, some online sessions needed a password that wasn't communicated.
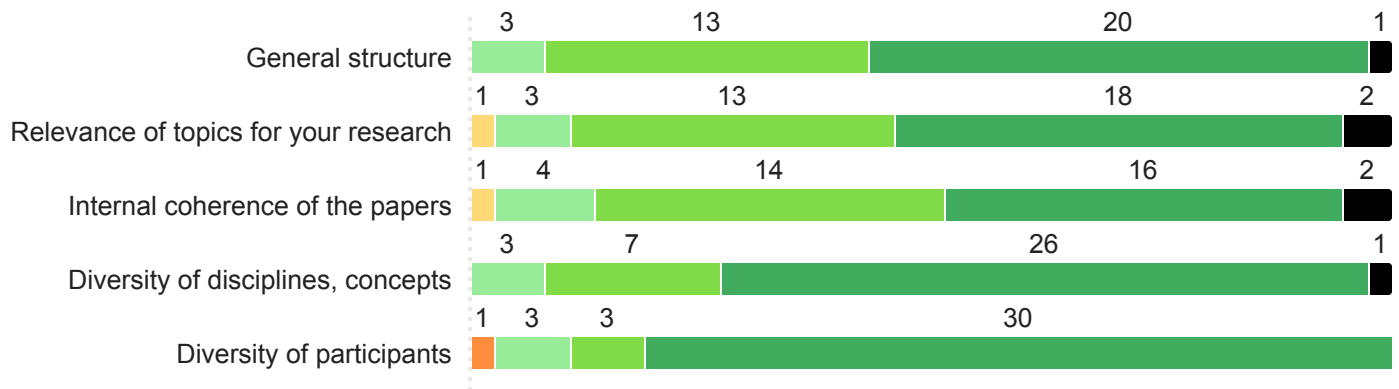
maybe share the online acess more (i did not use it)

Generally it was fine yet surely not very comfortable for everyone I guess

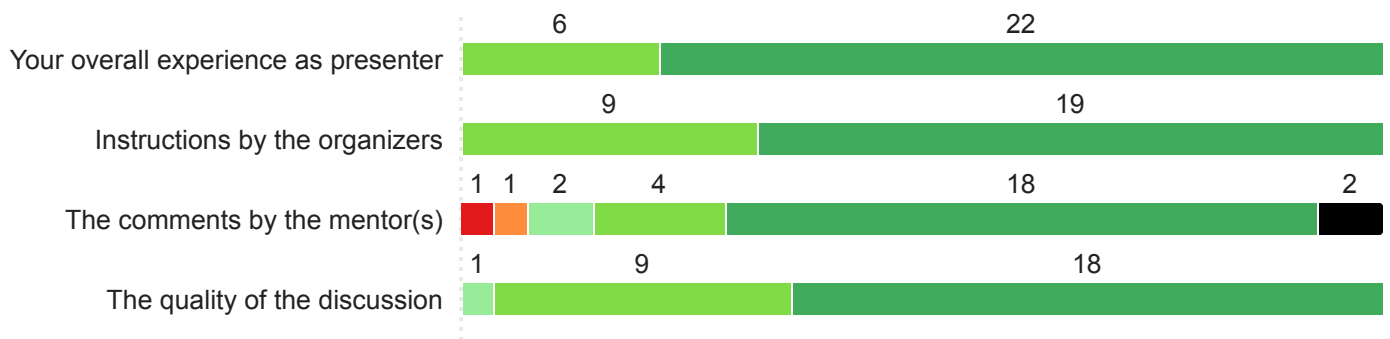occassionaly had technical glitches, but maybe this is okay.

It was not sufficiently clear from the program that some of discussants would be online, even though I did not experience any technical problems I would prefer 100% in person

The panel sessions

	3	13	20	1
General structure				

	1	3	13	18	2
Relevance of topics for your research					

	1	4	14	16	2
Internal coherence of the papers					

	3	7	26	1
Diversity of disciplines, concepts				

	1	3	3	30
Diversity of participants				

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Your experience as a presenter

	6	22
Your overall experience as presenter		

	9	19
Instructions by the organizers		

	1	1	2	4	18	2
The comments by the mentor(s)						

	1	9	18
The quality of the discussion			

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Comment about the parallel panels

None for now

I wish I could attend all the parallel panels as they all were great.

The composition of panels was fine given that a given scope of topics allows for limited flexibility and compatibility

Presenter was not able to attend. I did not get any feedback on my paper submission either - which seemed like a bit of a wasted opportunity - especially as a scholar trying to work on articles for publication.

Sometimes topics of interest clash making it difficult to attend both presentations.

I would strongly suggest adding some extra time to the panels, maybe 30 minutes or so. Or else make panels with a maximum of 3 participants so as to give everyone the opportunity to better present and discuss their papers
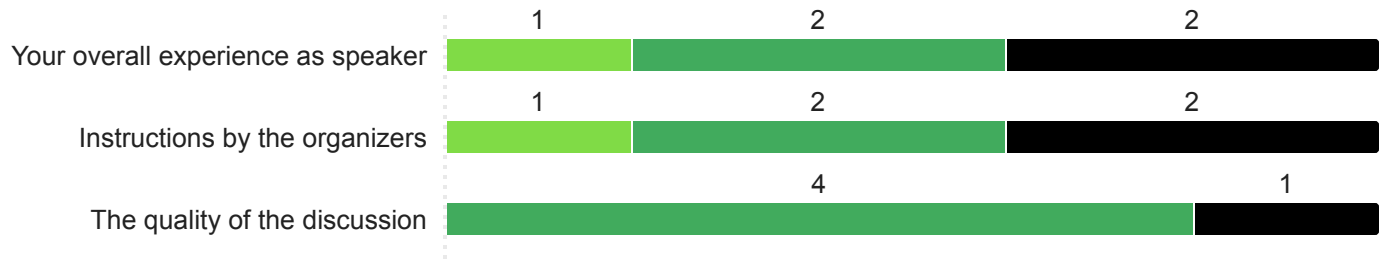
More precise information what written material has to be sent in (after approval), if one does not participate in the best paper award, and what it will be used for.

It was a pity that not all panels had a mentor.

We had few information about the methodological approach and tools

There was not mentor at my session but the person on charge did her best. Same happened in other sessions, and that's was a pitty (in the sessions where mentors were there, the feedback was really good for all of us as well). Sessions time was ok, but I missed very parallel session I would have liked to attend, choosing was really hard!

Your experience as a speaker at a plenary session

	1	2	2
Your overall experience as speaker			

	1	2	2
Instructions by the organizers			

	4	1
The quality of the discussion		

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Any additional comment on the plenary events?

None for now

The academic failure discussion could be more dynamic

Round table was particlalry interesting - specifically the presnetation of the theory. I think the round table could benifit form showing the successes and pitfalls of the model - maybe more practivla examples. e.g. access to data, methodlogical diffuclties. As for the Academic failures workshop, it was well structured and started off pretty strong - but left me a little less optimistic about academia. I think maybe there could have been more on the failures of the academic approach to migration - rather than only on career failure.

More diversity when choosing speakers for plenary events.

The panel on academic failures could have benefitted from at least one non-white scholar as that would have better reflected the diversity of the participants.

I was not able to attend workshops since there was not more room (I received an email the same day of the workshop...a pity). Maybe an online attendance to the workshops would be possible next conference? The stories on failure...there was not such a failure there, at least from my point of view. Researching in and from other realities (let's say, Global South) is really challenging so maybe next conference an experienced researcher from any other country but Europe and North-America (or a central country in terms of knowledge production) may be join a similar discussion.

I appreciate the discussion on academic failures and the inclusive atmosphere. Learned a lot from the speakers' stories.

Were you able to develop your network during the conference?

Yes	36
No	2

Do you feel that the NGC is contributing to creating a community of young scholars in migration and mobility studies?

Yes	38
No	0

Please let us know through which kind of activities or platforms (e.g. WhatsApp groups), the NGC could further contribute to creating a network and a community of young scholars in migration and mobility studies (prior, during, and after the conference)?

Telegram page

WhatsApp pre and post conference

The networking can be increased using sharing the linkedin profiles and through whatsapp groups as well after the conference.

WhatsApp groups or any other social networking platforms would be great for us to stay in touch because it was wonderful to have met all of those people, and personally, I don't want to lose this connection.

WhatsApp would be nice

LinkedIn

Perhaps a joint Facebook group would work well

WhatsApp group or telegram

linkedIn, Newsletters, access to journal articles

After the conference I have no more connect with the participants so I hope to have a common group to discuss more with them.

perhaps online reading groups or work in progress seminars

WhatsApp groups could be a good a idea

Whatsap group

NCCR On the Move can share the publications of articles and final thesis to all participants, it could be done by mail, newsletter or on LinkedIn

Whatsapp is ok, but somehow "intrusive" in the long term (not time to answer messages of to keep my engagement). Maybe a mailing list may work better.

I think it would be great to share the same panel members' email address upon request prior to the conference. And then move on to social media groups after we meet each other in person.

make clearer how scholars who are not part of the nccr can be involved in future (e.g. in the email we received now about being able to publish in the blog)

If you only had three words, how would you describe our conference to your friends and colleagues?

Impactful, Inclusive, and Fun

Successful, having values and principles, ambitious

Fruitful, fun, engaging

Highlevel, human-size, diverse

the place to be for migration scholars

A convergence of migration scholars

Full, satisfying, usefull

lively

awesome

hopeful, together, family

motivating; harmonic; stimulating

friendly environment, unique experience and academic quality

insightful, enriching, inclusive

Best experience ever!

Migration-related, doctoral students oriented, and cozy

Very impactful

Enaging, Critical, Novel

well-prepared, sharing, understanding

great networking event

A must attend conference

One of the best in the area

Young migration researchers

Collegial, relaxed, educational

Well organised eye opening conference

supportive, intimate, inspiring

International - Interdisciplinary - Conviviality

Friendly, interdisciplinary, critical

REAL Mobility Conference

Inclusive, accommodating, nourishing

interesting, organized, agreable

Inspiring, insightful, transformative.