Public Lecture Series
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Paradigmatic Perspectives
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The first nccr – on the move Public Lecture Series investigates how contemporary academic research captures the rapidly changing realities of migration and mobility. The five speakers reflect and critically discuss influential approaches for understanding and explaining these salient questions. They address the regulatory framework, the economic drivers as well as resulting societal dynamics of inclusion and exclusion. How do markets regulate and react to migratory dynamics? What is the legitimizing power of human rights in contemporary migration regimes? How could the perspective of contested borders challenge the idea of sovereignty? By addressing often separately discussed questions in one Lecture Series, the nccr – on the move opens a debate about the interdisciplinary challenges and horizons in the field of migration studies.
19 February 2015  
Circulating Capital, Moving People, and Mobile Words  
Prof. Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

12 March 2015  
Relative Deprivation and World Migration  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Oded Stark, Universities of Bonn, Tübingen and Warsaw; Georgetown University

16 April 2015  
Theorizing Friction in a Mobile World  
Prof. Dr. Tim Cresswell, History Department, Northeastern University Boston

7 May 2015  
Migration, Sovereignty and Human Rights  
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bast, Faculty of Law, Justus Liebig University of Giessen

28 May 2015  
Re-Thinking Europe from Its Contested Borders  
Prof. Dr. Regina Römhild, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin

Thursdays from 18:15 to 19:45 h  
University of Neuchatel  
Rue Abraham Louis Breguet 1  
Lecture Hall 301
About the nccr – on the move
The nccr – on the move is a national center of competence in research funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. It seeks to stimulate the interdisciplinary field of migration research in Switzerland and develop new perspectives on the changing migratory reality. Managed from the University of Neuchatel, the network comprises eighteen research teams from seven universities in Switzerland: The Universities of Neuchatel, Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne and Lucerne. It brings together research projects from social sciences, economics and law. The nccr – on the move offers some 40 doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships to highly talented researchers in the field.