Migration and Mobility and its Relation to Social Transformation

24 – 25 November 2016
University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
Patterns, regimes, and realities of migration and mobility have undergone a considerable transformation in the last decades. The post-war era guest worker and postcolonial regimes of migration, characterized by temporary labor recruitment policies, are over. Since the 1970’s globalization has given rise to new patterns of migration and mobility, and new types of migrants. This evolution is simultaneously an effect and a cause of broader social transformations, and more concretely changes in policy rationales and regulations. The changing landscape of migration and mobility is intertwined in economic, security, sovereignty and human rights concern, which have produced new lines of inclusion and exclusion.

The present workshop investigates the Migration-Mobility Nexus to understand the deep transformations of Western Societies. Distinguished international scholars are invited to debate this question with the researchers of the nccr – on the move. On a theoretical level, speakers will question the concepts of migration and mobility, and their impact on the academic and public debate. Empirically, they will address the transformations of increasingly diverse societies, and their political, economic, legal, and societal consequences. The workshop takes a resolutely interdisciplinary perspective and is open to the wider public of the University of Neuchâtel and beyond.

Thursday, 24 November 2016:
Venue: Avenue du 1er-Mars 26 (Main Building), Room D67
18:15
Opening Public Lecture in French
Pour une sociologie “totale” des phénomènes migratoires
Michel Wieviorka, Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme (FMSH) and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales EHESS, Paris

Friday, 25 November 2016
Venue: Avenue du 1er-Mars 26 (Main Building), Room C52
09:30
Keith Banting, Queens University
Immigration, Multiculturalism and the Welfare State
Discussant: Giuliano Bonoli, University of Lausanne and nccr – on the move
11:00 Coffee Break
11:30
Irene Bloemraad, University of California, Berkeley
(How) Does Citizenship Matter? Theorizing Mechanisms and Methodology
Discussant: Anita Manatschal, University of Neuchatel and nccr – on the move
13:00 Lunch
14:30
Rahsaan Maxwell, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Cultural Diversity and National Identity: Elementary School Lunch Menus in France
Discussant: Tania Zittoun, University of Neuchatel and nccr – on the move
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30
Discussion and Concluding Remarks
Gianni D’Amato, nccr – on the move