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# **Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Discrimination in the Context of Migration and Mobility**

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**Conference  
Neuchatel, 23–24 March 2017**

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**Program**

Conference  
**Interdisciplinary Perspectives  
on Discrimination in the  
Context of Migration and  
Mobility**

23–24 March 2017  
University of Neuchatel

Main Building  
Avenue du 1er-Mars 26

**Conveners**

Carolyn Fischer, Maison d'analyse  
des processus sociaux (MAPS)  
Stefanie Kurt, Centre de droit des  
migrations (CDM)  
Eva Zschirnt, Swiss Forum for  
Migration Studies (SFM)  
all nccr – on the move, University of  
Neuchatel

This two-day conference aims to initiate an interdisciplinary exchange, which unpacks the implications of commonalities and ambiguities in understandings and uses of the notion of discrimination. The event brings together researchers from different academic disciplines to discuss the meaning and use of discrimination as a concept. It will also shed light on different methods employed to study discrimination “on the ground”.

Various levels of analysis will be considered, including institutional discrimination, discrimination in interpersonal interaction and intergroup settings, and discrimination at the level of public representation. The aim is to create the basis for a more comprehensive understanding of discrimination across disciplines, including, but not limited to, Economics, Legal Studies, Social Sciences and Philosophy. The conference combines the discussion of different understandings and methodological approaches to discrimination with case studies of ethnic and racial, religious and gender discrimination.

This conference is organized in the framework of the nccr – on the move, the National Center of Competence in Research – The Migration-Mobility Nexus. We invite interested students and scholars to join the conference as non-presenting audience. Places are limited and will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Registration fees are CHF 25 for students and PhD candidates and CHF 50 for PostDocs and senior scholars. Please e-mail Eva Zschirnt, [eva.zschirnt@unine.ch](mailto:eva.zschirnt@unine.ch) to register for the event.

**Thursday, 23 March 2017**

Workshop Venue: Main Building, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, **Room C43**

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10:15 – 10:30

**Gianni D'Amato**, Director of the nccr – on the move, University of Neuchatel

**Welcome and Introduction**

10:30 – 12:00 | Keynote #1

**Doris Weichselbaumer**, Professor of Gender Studies, Johannes Kepler University Linz

**Experimental Measurement of Discrimination: The Effect of Wearing the Headscarf**

12:00 – 13:00 | Sandwich Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 | Panel #1 Discrimination in the Labor Market

**Didier Ruedin**, University of Neuchatel

**When Ethnic Minorities are Preferred: A Case of Positive Discrimination in Hiring?**

**Theresa Goebel, Sigrid Rand and Sophie Westenberger**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main

**The Effects of Discrimination on the Professional Career Path of Foreign-Trained Nurses in the German Hospital Sector**

**Daniel Auer and Flavia Fossati**, University of Lausanne/nccr – on the move

**Get Rid of Your Roots: Labor Market Re-Integration in Switzerland**

**Sabrina Laufer**, Statistics Austria

Comparing (Social Mobility Patterns of) Self-Employed Persons with and without Migration Backgrounds in Austria as a Way for Measuring Discrimination?

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 | Panel #2 Experiences of Racism

**Jean-Pierre Gauci**, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Intersections of Vulnerability: Race and Human Trafficking

**Federica Steffanini**, University of Neuchatel

Anti-Racist Criminal Law and Migration

**Sarah Schilliger**, University of Basel/IMIS Osnabrück, **Claudia Wilopo**, University of Basel and

**Ellen Höhne**, University of Osnabrück

Studying Racial Profiling from a “Critical Race Studies” Perspective

17:00 – 19:00 | Apéro

Starting 20:00 | Conference Dinner (invited speakers only)

**Friday, 24 March 2017**

Workshop Venue: Main Building, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, **Room C56**

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09:30 | Welcome

09:35 – 11:05 | Keynote #2

**Marie Mercat-Bruns**, Affiliated Professor, Sciences Po Law School and a tenured Associate Law Professor in Private Law and in Labor and Employment Law, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers

The Limits of Discrimination Law and Systemic Change: Examples Based on Gender

11:05 – 12:35 | Panel #3 Conceptual Approaches to Discrimination

**Tino Plümecke**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main

Why Foucault Did Not Talk about Discrimination

**Minna-Kristiina Rukonen Engeler**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main

“Biographical Narrations of Othering”: Reconstructive Approach to Discrimination at the Intersection of Articulations and Disarticulations

**Pietro Vulpiani**, National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy

Migrants and the Reluctance to Complain Discriminations

12:35 – 13:30 | Sandwich Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 | Panel #4 Intersectional Discrimination

**Wassilis Kassis**, University of Osnabrück

On the Normalized but Still Pathogenic Socialization Pathways towards Hostility against Muslims

**Charles Dube**, University of Stellenbosch

The Ambivalence of Religion-Based Discrimination in Everyday Life among Zimbabwean Migrants in South Africa

**Gian-Louis Hernandez**, Università della Svizzera italiana

Discriminatory Practices in International Education

15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:00

Wrap-Up and Outlook