The nccr – on the move is the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary phenomena related to migration and mobility in Switzerland and beyond. Connecting disciplines, the NCCR brings together research from the social sciences, economics and law.

Managed from the University of Neuchâtel, the network comprises fourteen research projects at ten universities in Switzerland: The Universities of Basel, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Zurich, ETH Zurich, the Graduate Institute Geneva, the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, and the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Northwestern Switzerland.

Further information on the research projects, the researchers and findings in different formats such as working papers, publications, blogs, policy briefs or video clips can be found on our website.

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Migration-Mobility Nexus

The overall scientific aim of the nccr – on the move is to offer a comprehensive framework for understanding the interplay between contemporary migration and mobility to Switzerland and beyond.

Designed to develop new perspectives on the changing migratory reality, the nccr – on the move addresses the overall research question: What is the character of contemporary migration and mobility patterns – within the so-called Migration-Mobility Nexus? The Migration-Mobility Nexus sketches the analytical continuum for understanding the transformation of contemporary patterns of movement, their modes of governance and regulation, as well as their economic drivers and the societal dynamics unleashed by them.

Two research projects provide a socio-historical and demographic perspective on migration and mobility (Hub). The other twelve projects are structured around three thematic research modules: (I) Migration and Social Inequalities, (II) Citizenship and Social Cohesion and (III) Transnational Mobilities and Complex Diversities.

The NCCR in a Nutshell

The nccr – on the move was launched 2014. In its first phase, the NCCR investigated with 20 research projects contemporary phenomena related to migration and mobility in Switzerland.

In the second phase, which runs from 2018 to 2022, the nccr – on the move is expanding its research focus beyond Switzerland for international comparison. SNSF funding to the NCCR amounts to 16.34 million Swiss Francs for this period.

In numbers, the nccr – on the move is a network of:

- 26 Project Leaders at 10 Swiss higher education institutes
- About 40 PostDocs and doctoral students
- A dozen associated researchers

Benefits and Impact

In addition to research on migration and mobility – the core task of the NCCR – education, equal opportunities, communication and knowledge transfer contribute to increasing the impact of the nccr – on the move.

Interdisciplinary cross-fertilization among the projects and a doctoral program on migration and mobility research foster scientific innovation and strengthen the field of migration studies in Switzerland. Knowledge transfer measures allow for a regular and structured exchange with members of the wider national and international scientific community, with institutional partners, decision makers and opinion leaders. In addition, external communication ensures that the knowledge gained within the NCCR reaches a broader audience. Special attention is dedicated to improving equal opportunities and the awareness of gender issues, inequalities and stereotypes at all levels of the NCCR.

Migration-Mobility Survey

Immigration plays a role in shaping Swiss society and contributes to our economic and social development. To provide a better understanding of contemporary migrant flows and the circumstances of foreigners living in Switzerland, the nccr – on the move conducts the Migration-Mobility Survey every two years.

nccr-onthemove.ch/survey

Migration-Mobility Indicators

The nccr – on the move produces a « toolbox » allowing an interactive exploration of different facets of the migratory landscape in Switzerland. The Migration-Mobility Indicators are based on various sources of data and provide key figures and original analyses on the phenomena of migration and mobility. The visualizations are bundled into thematic blocks and are regularly updated and expanded as more data become available.

indicators.nccr-onthemove.ch
Research Projects of Phase II

**Module I: Migration and Social Inequalities**

- **IP22 HISTORY**
  Gianni D'Amato
  Historical Perspective on Mobility in Welfare States

- **IP23 DATA**
  Philippe Wanner
  Migration Flows and Stocks

- **IP24 MLG-TRADE**
  Sandra Lavenex and Joachim Blatter
  Migration Governance through Trade Mobilities

- **IP25 TRADE-GENDER**
  Tobias Müller and Martina Viarengo
  Migration and Labor Market Inequality

- **IP26 INEQUAL-RESILIENCE**
  Wassilis Kassis and Didier Ruedin
  Overcoming Inequalities with Education

- **IP27 WELFARE**
  Giuliano Bonoli and Francesco Maiani
  Welfare: Inclusion and Solidarity

**Hub: A Socio-Historical and Demographic Perspective on Migration and Mobility**
Module II: Citizenship and Social Cohesion

Matteo Gianni and Walter Leimgruber
Democratic Citizenship in a Mobile and Multicultural World

Christin Achermann and Stefanie Kurt
Governing Migration through Integration

Dominik Hangartner and Alois Stutzer
Non-Citizen Voting Rights, Naturalization and Integration

Eva G. T. Green, Juan Manuel Falomir-Pichastor and Anita Manatschal
Societal Norms among National Majorities and Immigrants

Module III: Transnational Mobilities and Complex Diversities

Yvonne Riaño and Etienne Piguet
Cross-Border Migrant Entrepreneurship

Mihaela Nedelcu and Eric Crettaz
Transnational Aging and Post-Retirement Mobilities

Tania Zittoun and Janine Dahinden
Transnational Mobilities in Small Localities

Joachim Blatter and Fabrizio Gilardi
The Mobility of Migration Policies