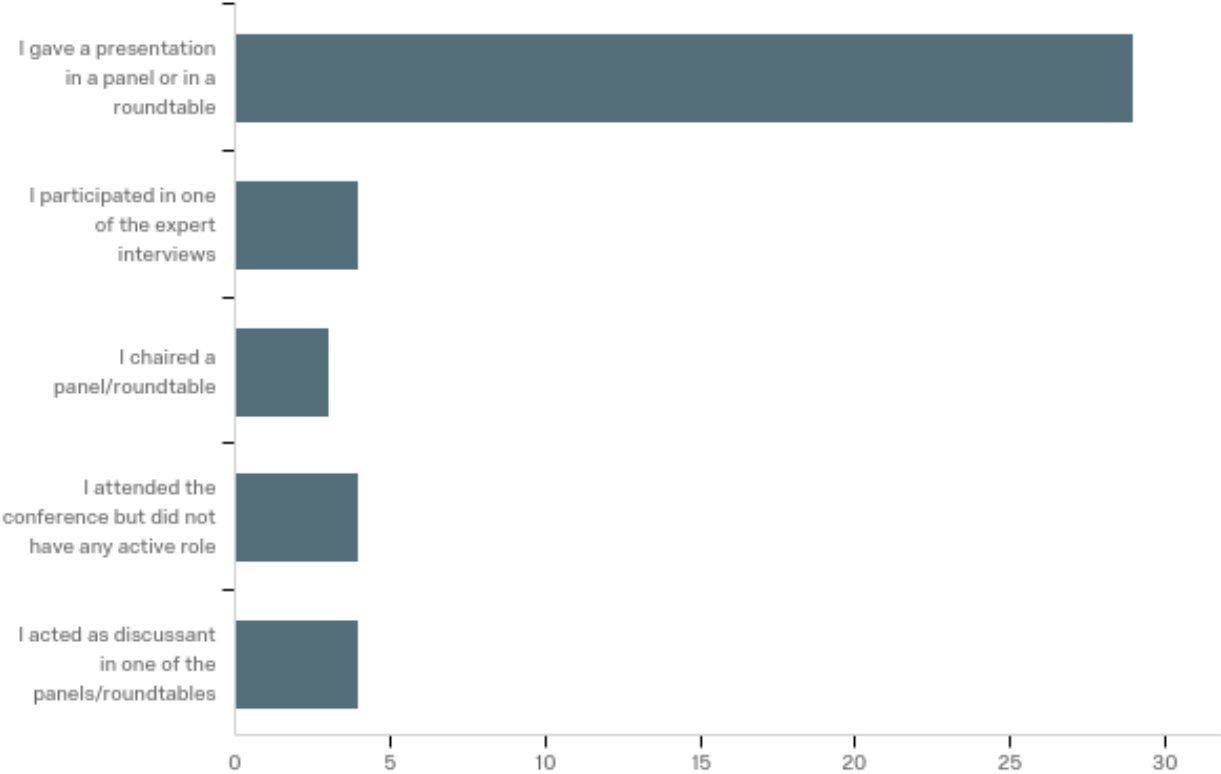


# Neuchâtel Graduate Conference 2019

*Satisfaction Survey*

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# In which role did you participate in the conference?



## What did you most appreciate about the conference?

Organization and interesting topics

There was a nice atmosphere There was a panel on papers which were focused on gender/sexuality/sexual condition There was a mix of formats and of participation from senior/junior researchers

format, contents, very good organizations

Smaller and friendly format of the conference.

To be able to share with the other participants during the sessions, breaks, lunch, dinner

The quality of expert interviews

Rich and fruitful discussion in various topic of migration

The fact that the conference gathers high-profile researchers working on migration

The manner in which the conference was structured especially the various panels and the feedback from the discussants

The inspiring environment and the various, informal events around the conference

The decontracted atmosphere, the originality of the formats, the expert discussions, the ppt karaoke...

Phot-Exhibition in the hall; alternative forms of panels, e.g. expert interviews

Interesting presentations and high quality of the organization

The organisation and the nice atmosphere as well as the quality of the content

The size in terms of number of participants and the format of the expert interviews

The diversity of presenters and the photo exhibition; as well as the really good organisation!

Diversity of panels, and good presentations

Participation of and presentations from young researchers

1) The chance to discuss and share information with other participants over the coffee breaks and social events. 2) The round table on inequality in academia 3) The round table on the last day on data/politically-relevant and engaged research

Meeting friends and colleagues

the very open, constructive and friendly atmosphere. Extra effort was made for everyone to feel included

The atmosphere

presence of experts, great setting, quality of the presentations was decent

The presentations were of high standard and insightful

It had a "human" size, not too many panels at a time, which allowed participants to meet and talk informally during breaks. The various activities outside of the panels were really nice as well.

Not too many parallel sessions. Seniors participating as well.

The buzz, the energy of having so many brilliant minds in a room.

it was well-organized, held in a nice location and gave me the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the field

the conviviality between junior and senior scholars and between scholars of different disciplines or focusing on different areas



## What did you least appreciate about the conference?

The division of the sessions. Some topics could be gathered in one session, thus giving everyone the opportunity to follow these topics simultaneously (perhaps for the most interesting and transversal topic)  
The rooms were just not right, not enough chairs, poor visibility, difficult for interaction, very loud every time someone came in and out. The dinner did not work out so well from my perspective.

some sessions would have needed bigger rooms

Small spaces - even in the corridor on the third floor was small place to discuss something. It was very crowded. Small space for all participants was also at the venue.

Lack of time to present (those who presented in panel had sometimes 12 minutes and those who presented in "roundtables" 3 minutes)

Little time for presentations. Maybe it could have been the case to organise more parallel sessions or accept less participants.

The fact that panels were too crowded - too many presenters

the round-table discussion. it was difficult to follow through each person's work. Even though the topics were similar, they had different questions so I think it would have been better to have them present their work individually.

The food. For lunch, the same was served twice and the dinner in the evening had very few vegi snacks.

The dinner: a bit too crowded. But overall I really enjoyed the conference!

Rather packed panels

Nothing

The rooms chosen for panels and roundtables

The fact that there were too many presentations in most panels (that I attended) to allow for substantive discussions.

The format of my roundtable. Each person had to answer one of the 3 questions in 3 minutes. The result was a lot of information and it was confusing for the audience

Roundtable: difficult to follow 6 to 8 presentations on - at the end - quite different topics

I would have liked to see a larger number of participants from the Global South (who do research in Global South countries), but I fully understand this is difficult because of the costs to travel to Switzerland.

The date, as there were many conferences going on at the same time or just before/after

roundtable where paper presenters could not give their presentation but had to respond to questions (hard to follow when we move from one research to the other)

The crowded rooms in the panels/roundtables

my panel was thematically incoherent, 2 of 4 presentations were not academic but rather aimed at practitioners

How the round tables were organised. They were lots of papers per round table session but very limited time.

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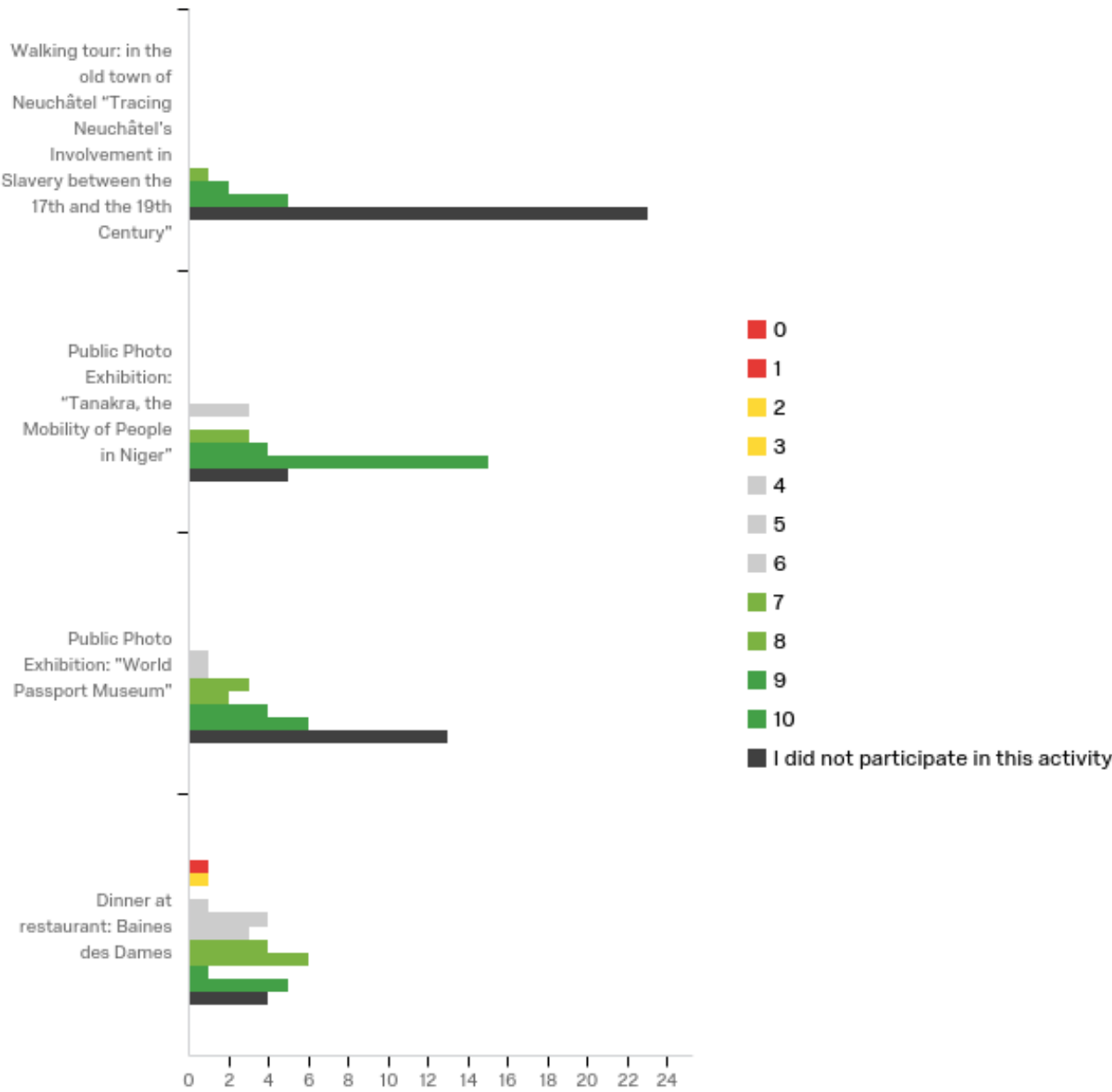
Having to choose between two equally interesting parallel sessions.

- the conference was called "graduate" while many of the presenters have already completed their dissertations. That was a bit misleading. - I would appreciate if there were more ethnic minority scholars and scholars from the Global South . Next year the organizers may consider a larger subsidy for scholars from the South.

the panel I discussed was only 4 speakers, others had too many. and I never got to the room that did not have enough seats!



Can you please rate your satisfaction with the different side-activities on a scale from 0 (not at all satisfied) to 10 (very satisfied)?



**Do you have any additional comment on the side-activities you would like to share with us?**

I love the way you added an artistic touch to the conference!

Location for the Dinner was very nice, but sitting would have been nice after a full conference day! Great side-activities!!!!

The dinner was a bit difficult: the restaurants should have arranged tables for the buffet differently, so as to create less confusion.

The dinner was a little bit confused. The food has few options for people allergic to seafood or vegan

you did a great job on that! thank you!

None

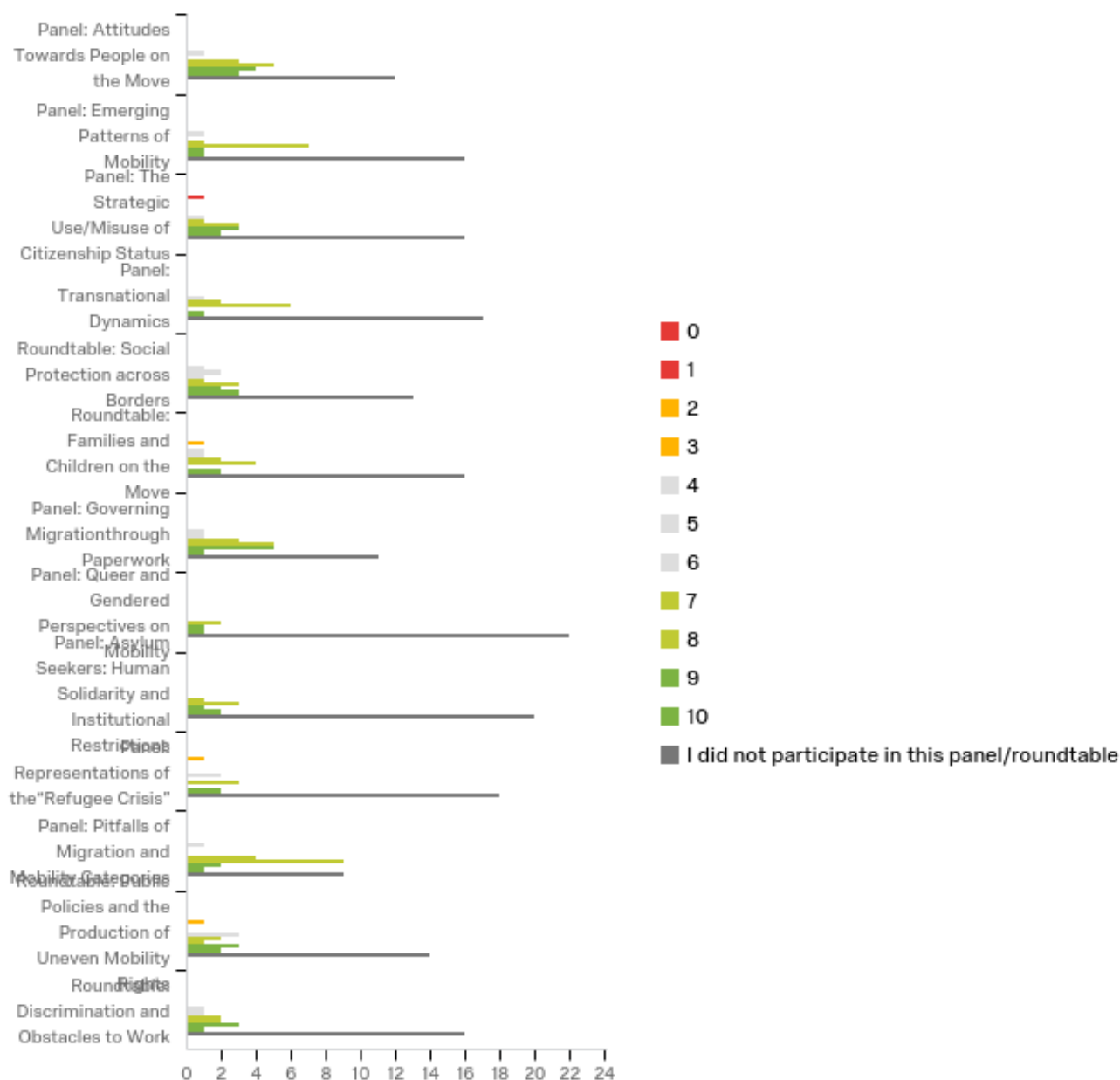
The photo exhibitions were brilliant, but I wouldn't miss them if they weren't there (i.e. not a reason to pick the conference).

thank you for the warm welcome and the interesting programme. Happy to come back any time ;-)

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**Can you please rate your satisfaction with the different panels/roundtables on a scale from 0 (not at all satisfied) to 10 (very satisfied)**



## Do you have any additional comment on the panels/roundtables you would like to share with us?

Panels were too crowded, leaving only a few minutes to presenters to go through their work, and with too little time for discussants to provide in-depth comments and for the discussion to address each of the papers

sometimes there were too many speakers, but I enjoyed the alternative formats

The roundtable format was not really suitable for the presentation of research (results); it would have been better with this many people to organise poster sessions or discuss about topics based on research rather than research itself (maybe together with practitioners?).

Suggestion on roundtable: I think it is an interesting idea to organize roundtables on a specific topic; however, it could work better with fewer participants (no more than three) addressing exactly the same topic but from different theoretical/methodological perspectives.

I didn't like the round table format- it felt very rushed and there was hardly any time for discussion. Also, in our case some presenters got a lot of questions while others got none, since they were all combined at the end. I think less presenters, no discussant and more time for q&a would have been better. Also I didn't feel that the papers in our round table fit together well.

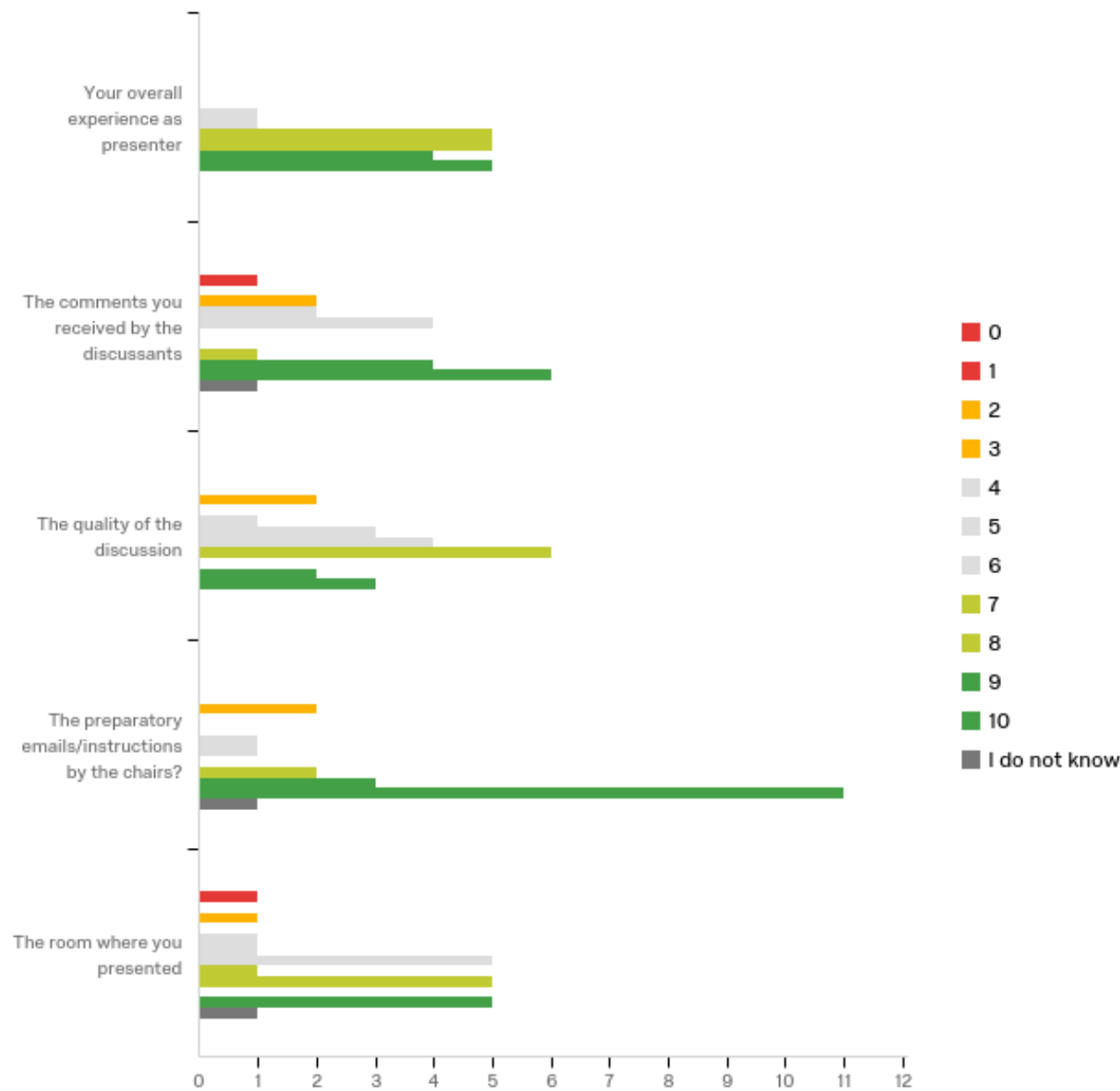
the roundtables were a nice experiment but really hard to follow if not presented one after the other. Generally, I benefit much more if I can read a paper beforehand. I would advocate for making papers available to all participants beforehand.

Convert round table to panel sessions and reduce the number of participants to give people time to do their presentation

The roundtable I attended to was a bit pressed; better to have (even) shorter presentations and more specific questions to the presenters (in preparation for the presentations), I think.

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## Do you have any additional comment about your panel / roundtable that you would like to share with us?

The room was too small; presenters should all have had PowerPoints, I believe that it would have made things easier to follow by the audience

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There were six ten-minute presentations in a row - which meant that a) there was practically no room left for discussion and b) it was difficult for the audience to follow and to bear in mind what each presenter said during the short time available for discussion. These six presentations should have probably been divided in two: a first group of three presenters presents and interacts with the public, and then the second group presents. This requires that presenters strictly respect the time they are given to present, but would make the overall session more enjoyable for the public. The room could not accommodate all the people who wanted to attend, and its size and shape do not fit well with the format of the conference. Tables were quite useless and could have been removed, allowing more room for more rows of chairs.

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The discussant did not read the papers. She presented really general comment. It was not really helpful.

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I understand the time constraints, but I would have liked more time for the attendees to pose questions and to have a discussion with the presenters.

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Mentioned outlying on the previous page, - too little time for discussion - questions only for some of the presenters - lacking fit of the papers - unclear communication strategy about what was expected at a round table (eg asking for slides a week in advance and expecting them to be sent within two days)

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if chairs push you to deliver presentations on short notice and well in advance they should also have them available on the occasion of the panel

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The presenters were too many and couldn't delve more into their papers.

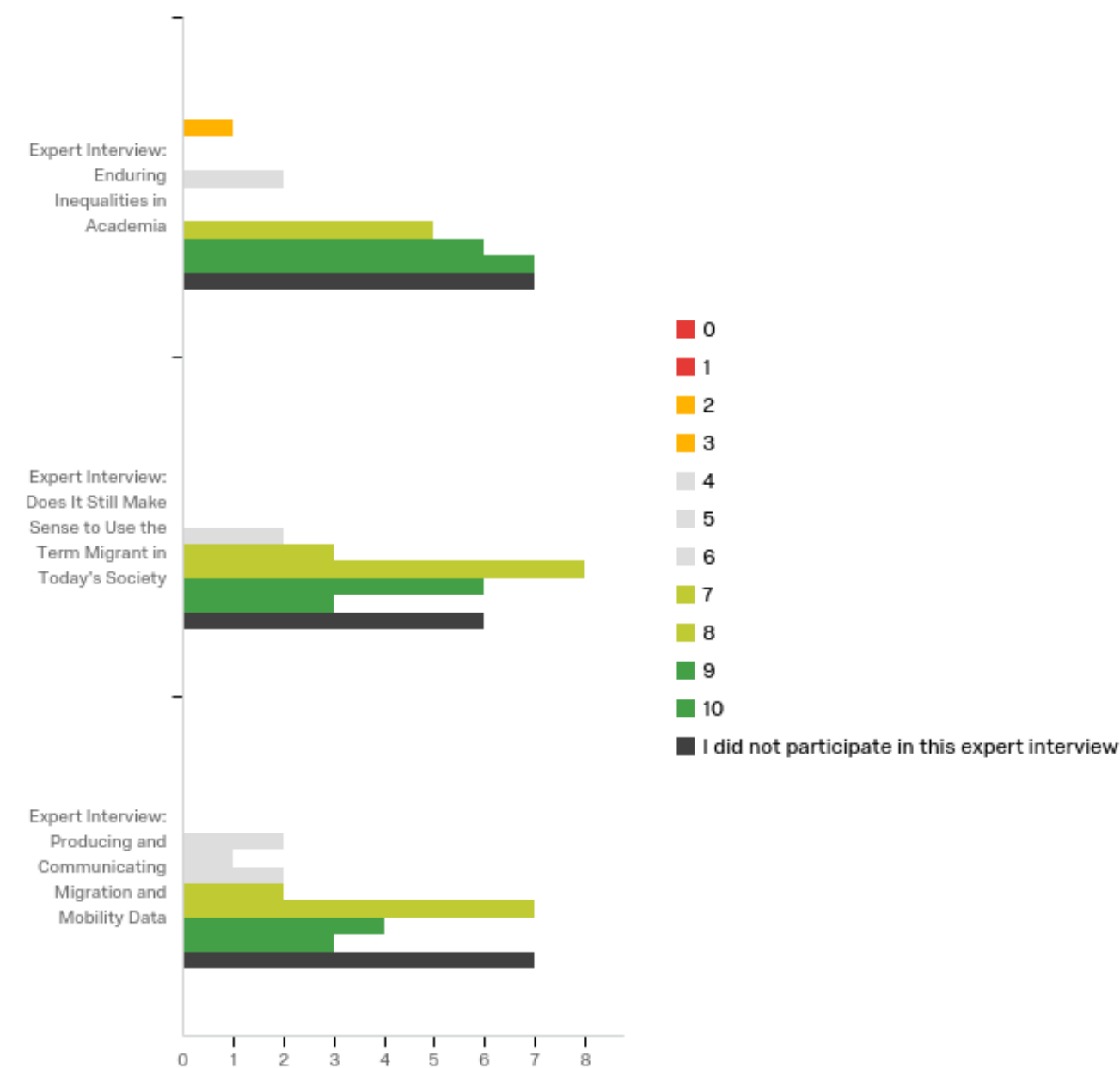
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we were too many presenters in the panel and as a result we had only 12 min to present our work.

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Can you please rate your satisfaction with the different expert interviews on a scale from 0 (not at all satisfied) to 10 (very satisfied)?



## Do you have any additional comment about the expert interviews that you would like to share with us?

Excellent initiative

Great format. I particularly enjoyed the respectful atmosphere in which the discussion about inequalities took place. The moderator did a great job!

nice!! heard very positive reactions from others as well

Loved it

I think the first and third expert interviews tackled really interesting and important problems in academic (a.k.a. inequality and the relevance of creating policy-relevant research).

A bit more gender balance would have been nice

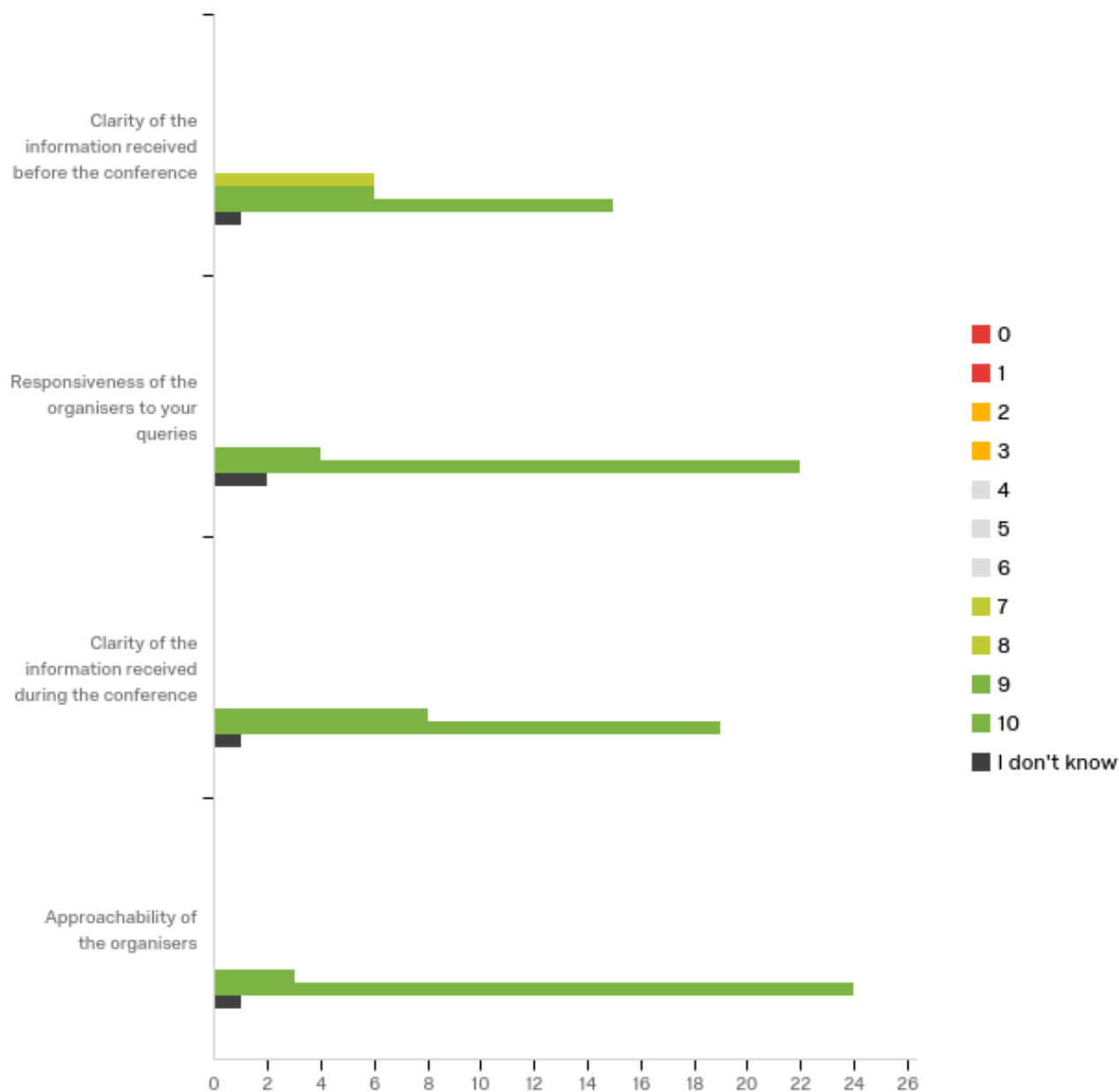
Inequalities in Academia: I sneaked in and heard an old white man giving advice to women and boasting his generosity Producing and Comm: The panelists were too shy to tackle controversies

I think in addition to these sessions, it would still be good to have a keynote speaker that connects the dots with a theoretical grounding of the conference theme.

Fewer experts would have done (this way, we heard relatively little from each expert and it was a bit rushed sometimes), and the "data" panel only had 1 woman on it.



Finally, can you rate your satisfaction with the overall organisation on a scale from 0 (not at all satisfied) to 10 (very satisfied)?



## Do you have any recommendation on how we can improve the organisation for next year?

Not clear information about what means suggesting a panel on the website

The round-table panel I think can just be made just a panel.

Great Job!

All the organizers were really nice, thoughtful and helpful. Thanks to them again for their hard work!  
Please, include social activities (including the slides karaoke) again!

Don't have the power point karaoke during the lunch break. I normally would have liked to attend, but lunch/sun outside/ informal networking were more important

Thank you! One the best organized conference I ever attended. I am aware this is a graduate conference but maybe include a little room for more senior scholars to present papers/research (and not only participate in experts interview) as well since you get a lot of good scholars, we could hear more them too.

you are close to perfect, just the request of papers/presentations came a bit late out of nowhere

Given the huge interest in the conference it would be good to extend it to two and a half day where the first day begins at 2pm as such European participants can come straight into the conference. The roundtables could be replaced with panels as well as reduce the number of presenters. It was really commendable that the conference provided some financial assistance. In future it would be good to have an accounting officer by the side to process the receipts and pay instantly to those who would like to have their grants in cash.

- more parallel sessions so fewer papers per panel - higher subsidy for non-European participants at the expense of fewer subsidies for European participants.

more chairs and bigger panel rooms





## If you only had one sentence, how would you describe our conference to your friends and colleagues?

it was greatly organized!

excellent!

a congenial and engaged conference

Very stimulating and well organized conference in a friendly atmosphere

Very good and organized.

Useful event to present your work and receive good feedback in a constructive, safe and friendly environment

Probably the most important grad conference if you're working on human migration.

Original format, deep discussions, friendly atmosphere

Nice side activities & organizers put a lot of effort in the event/ tried to be creative!!

Nice atmosphere and interesting/useful for those who do research in migration studies and mobility

Marvellous setting, decent quality of presentations, excellent organization, and the presence of experts in the field make this a great opportunity for early career researchers to network and be inspired.

It was very friendly and kind conference. It was also very fruitful to talk about different topic with scholars from every corner from the Europe.

It was fun and inspiring, thank you!

It is still possible to organize scientific events for having true academic discussion

It is a very informative well organised conference but very packed.

Inspiring conference for migration scholars in a friendly environment!

I encourage you to go to the next edition

Helpful in terms of gaining knowledge, networking (making friends & professional acquaintances), and reflecting on some of the problems faced by researchers working in academia.

Good and friendly atmosphere

Engaging

Awesome! It was a great conference, well organised, interactive and the panels that I attended had really good papers. Well done to the selection committee!

A wonderful experience

A small but high-quality and intense conference

A very friendly conference with a productive mix of junior scholars presenting and quite senior scholars who give valuable feedback; but where the admission of papers did not seem to be too selective, meaning that the quality of the research presentations varied quite a bit.

A word cloud of positive feedback comments in teal. The words are arranged in a roughly circular shape, with 'friendly' being the largest and most central word. Other prominent words include 'atmosphere', 'research', 'good', 'event', 'migration', 'scholar', 'quality', 'presentation', 'feedback', 'great', 'organize', 'discussion', 'network', 'papers', 'present', 'inspire', 'excellent', and 'environment'.

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