



Panel on Ethics in Migration Research

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Elodie Malbois, University of Geneva
Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel

Moderation: Matteo Gianni, University of Geneva

09:00 – 10:30 h

This panel will be held in person at the University of Neuchâtel, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room C46
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Abstract

Ethical concerns accompany migration scholars throughout the research process. Accordingly, the questions are manifold: they relate to the treatment of participants, as well as the use and sharing of qualitative and quantitative data. As ethical dilemmas in migration research are often not covered by general social science ethics codes, both less and more experienced researchers face difficulties and uncertainties in navigating such issues. This is particularly true as per the ethical concerns that have been brought to light only recently, for example in the use of Big Data for research purposes, or through the call to make qualitative data available to the public. In this panel, the nccr – on the move invites four prominent scholars to explore these ethical questions, whether ‘new’ or ‘old,’ in a moderated expert discussion, concluding in an open, questions-and-answers session.

About the Speakers

Libby Bishop is the Coordinator for International Data Infrastructures in the Data Services for the Social Sciences at GESIS Leibniz-Institute for Social Sciences in Germany. She manages the relationship between GESIS and the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA), leads a project that is building a resource for repository staff, and coordinates additional projects between GESIS and other European research data infrastructures on topics such as digital behavioral data. Her research explores the methodological and ethical challenges posed when curating data for sharing and reuse.

Tina Miller is a Professor of Sociology at Oxford Brookes University. Her research spans sociology of family lives, gender, identities and caring and family disruptions. She has been an advisor at the World Health Organisation and contributed to think tanks and parliamentary committees. Tina has published several articles on ethics in qualitative research and most recently has conducted British Academy funded research on ‘Being a Refugee and a Dad’, a study based on qualitative longitudinal research following unfolding experiences of Syrian Dad’s and their families after arrival in the UK.

Elodie Malbois is a philosopher specialized in the fields of biomedical ethics, research ethics, and social cognition. She is currently part of the transversal taskforce in ethics of the NCCR Evolving Language. In parallel, she is working on a research project on the use of social robots in medicine for which she obtained an Early Postdoc.Mobility grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

Didier Ruedin (DPhil, Oxford) is a senior lecturer at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and affiliated research fellow at the African Centre for Migration & Society at the University of the Witwatersrand. He uses experiments and quantitative analysis to understand social inequalities and exclusion as a consequence of migration. His research examines discrimination and attitudes to foreigners, political reactions in policies and political debates, and political representation and participation.