Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies
7 – 8 July 2022
University of Neuchâtel

The Neuchâtel Graduate Conference (NGC) is an international graduate conference organized by the nccr – on the move, Swiss National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It provides a stimulating environment in which PhD and Postdoctoral fellows from different universities and research institutions can exchange ideas, establish networks, and initiate collaborative research.

The 5th edition will take place from 7 to 8 July 2022 in Neuchâtel, providing opportunities to meet other researchers in formal and informal gatherings. The topic of this year is ‘Tensions in Migration and Mobility’.

These are the plenary events of the conference:

Thursday, 7 July 2022

11:30
**The Integration Nation: Towards a New Critical Political Demography**
Adrian Favell, University of Leeds

16:30
**Speed Dating on Career Opportunities**

Friday, 8 July 2022

09:00
**Panel on Ethics in Migration Research**
Libby Bishop, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Tina Miller, Oxford Brookes University
Elodie Malbois, University of Geneva
Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel

Moderation: Matteo Gianni, University of Geneva

These plenary sessions are held in Room C46 and on WEBEX
Program Overview

Thursday 7 July 2022
09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Address and Introduction to the Working Groups
09:30 – 11:00 Parallel Working Groups Session I
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00 Public Lecture: The Integration Nation: Towards a New Critical Political Demography
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00 Parallel Working Groups Session II
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00 Speed Dating on Career Opportunities
19:00 Conference Reception on a Boat in the Port of Neuchâtel

Friday 8 July 2022
09:00 – 10:30 Panel on Ethics in Migration Research
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Working Groups Session III
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Working Groups Session IV
16:00 Final Apéro at the Lake Side
Working Group #1: Policy and Governance

Thursday 7 July 2022

Working Group #1 | Session I
09:30 – 11:00
WEBEX link
Room B29
Chair: Leslie Ader
Mentor: James Hollifield

Respecting the Values of the Constitution: Integrationism and Boundary Liberalism in Switzerland
Stefan Manser-Egli, University of Neuchâtel
Discussant: Min Ji Kim, UC San Diego

Democracies, Polities in Transition, and Refugees: The Struggle to be Generous
Min Ji Kim, UC San Diego
Discussant: Stefan Manser-Egli, University of Neuchâtel

Affective Policy-Making on Migration: The Case of Hungary
Jenna Althoff, TU Dresden
Discussant: Mathis Schnell, University of Neuchâtel

The Role of Disbelief in Asylum SOGIESC: How the Swiss Federal Administrative Court Produces Deservingness through Credibility - a Quantitative Textual Analysis of Case Law
Mathis Schnell, University of Neuchâtel
Discussant: Jenna Althoff, TU Dresden

Friday 8 July 2022

Working Group #1 | Session III
11:00 – 12:30
WEBEX link
Room B29
Chair: Gianni D’Amato
Mentor: Agnes Batory

A Quiet Globalisation of Immigration? The Interplay between International Trade Rules and National Immigration Policies in Switzerland and Germany
Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, University of Geneva
Discussant: Roberto Uebel, Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing, Porto Alegre

What is the Migration Governance of Brazil? ESG, SDG, Big Data, and Securitization of Migration in Pandemic Times
Roberto Uebel and Amanda Raldi, Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing, Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais
Discussant: Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, University of Geneva

Working Group #1 | Session IV
14:00 – 15:30
WEBEX link
Room B29
Chair: Leslie Ader
Mentor: Philipp Lutz

European Immigration Policy is Secondary to Political Violence at Origin Shaping Asylum Flows in Belgium, 1999-2013
Wanli Nie, UC Louvain
Discussant: Qingyang Lin, Graduate Institute Geneva

Immigration Quotas and Anti-Immigration Attitudes: An Evaluation of Swiss Migration Policy
Qingyan Lin, Graduate Institute Geneva
Discussant: Wanli Nie, UC Louvain
Working Group #2: Citizenship

Thursday 7 July 2022

Working Group #2 | Session I
09:30 – 11:00
WEBEX link
Room B32

Chair: Aurélie Pont
Mentor: Jean-Thomas Arrighi

Negotiating Citizenship and Belonging in the Context of the National Register of Citizens in Assam
Debasreeta Deb, University of Otago

Discussant: Rufaro Mushonga, University of Witwatersrand

Impact of Identity Crisis of Forcibly Displaced People on Host Country’s State Security: The Case of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh
Md Saiful Islam and Ali Sahin, Selçuk University

Discussant: Debasreeta Deb, University of Otago

Re-Examining the Linkage between Citizenship, Migration, and Mobility
Sophie Nanyonga, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Discussant: Christian Gormsen, European University Institute

Romanian Migrants’ Claims to Citizenship and Emerging Political Resistance during COVID-19
Ana-Maria Cirstea, Durham University

Discussant: Sophie Nanyonga, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Friday 8 July 2022

Working Group #2 | Session III
11:00 – 12:30
WEBEX link
Room B32

Chair: Aurélie Pont
Mentor: Jelena Dzankic

EU Law Limitations to ‘Citizenship-by-Investment’ in EU Member States
Christian Gormsen, European University Institute

Discussant: Ana-Maria Cirstea, Durham University

Performing Citizenship in Solidarity at the Franco-Italian Border
Janina Pescinski, Queen Mary University of London

Discussant: Md Saiful Islam, Selçuk University

The Effect of Intergroup Contact on Nationals’ Definition of In-Group Boundaries: The Moderating Role of News Media Valence
Christopher Geisser, University of Geneva

Discussant: Janina Pescinski, Queen Mary University of London

Disrupting Citizenship under Tension in the Global South: Perspectives from Harare, Zimbabwe
Rufaro Mushonga, University of Witwatersrand

Discussant: Christopher Geisser, University of Geneva
Working Group #3: Transnationalism

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Balancing Intentions of Mobility and Immobility in Old Age
Livia Tomás, University of Neuchâtel
Discussant: Sandra Lopez Pereiro, Universidade da Coruña

Looking for Welfare in Transnational Scenarios: Experiences of Recent Spanish Migrants in Sweden and France
Sandra Lopez Pereiro, Universidade da Coruña
Discussant: Livia Tomás, University of Neuchâtel

Emerging Forms of Authority in Accessing Land in Rough Foreign Spaces: The Occult and Witchcraft among Malawian Migrants in Zimbabwe
Johannes Bhanye, University of the Free State
Discussant: Laure Sandoz, University of Neuchâtel

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Transnational Solidarity in a World of Shifting Borders: Immigration Detention, the Case of Italy
Maxine Both, European University Institute
Discussant: Paladia Ziss, University of Birmingham

Transnational Chronotopical Imaginaries: How Understandings and Experiences of Refugees Settling in Germany and Turkey Are Shaped by Other Places and Other Times
Paladia Ziss, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Maxine Both, European University Institute

Discrimination, Political Representation and Populism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Germany
Nihan Toprakkiran, University of Konstanz
Discussant: Anton Walsch, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Diaspora Bonds: the Financialization of Transnational Diaspora Relations
Anton Walsch, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
Discussant: Nihan Toprakkiran, University of Konstanz
Working Group #4: Attitudes

Thursday 7 July 2022

Working Group #4 | Session I
09:30 – 11:00
WEBEX link
Room C56

Chair: Mia Gandenberger
Mentor: Sam Schmid

Citizens’ Preferences on Immigrants’ Access to Political Rights
Alyssa Taylor, IDHEAP
Discussant: Klaudia Wegschaider, University of Oxford

The Effect of Simultaneous Popular Votes: The Case of Immigrant Enfranchisement
Klaudia Wegschaider, University of Oxford
Discussant: Alyssa Taylor, IDHEAP

No Taxation without Representation? A Critical Discourse Analysis of Migrant Political Representation in Germany
Lea Baro, DeZIM
Discussant: Matthieu Vétois, University of Geneva

Effect of Salience of Immigration News in Major National Outlets on the Relation between Conservatism and Immigration Threat. A Multilevel Study across 21 Countries
Matthieu Vétois, University of Geneva
Discussant: Lea Baro, DeZIM

Friday 8 July 2022

Working Group #4 | Session III
11:00 – 12:30
WEBEX link
Room C56

Chair: Mia Gandenberger
Mentor: Didier Ruedin

Attitudes Towards Migration and Mobility in Times of Pandemic
Elie Michel, Sciences Po
Discussant: Clare Nakazibwe, Uganda Technology and Management University

Migration and Integration: An Empirical Analysis of the Status of Minority Groups Residing in Uganda’s Refugee Camps and Host Communities
Clare Nakazibwe, Uganda Technology and Management University
Discussant: Elie Michel, Sciences Po

Working Group #4 | Session IV
14:00 – 15:30
WEBEX link
Room C56

Chair: Robin Stünzi
Mentor: Eva Van Belle

No One Is Responsible for Me: Unaccompanied Minors’ Experience of Exception in the Ventimiglia Border Space
Océane Uzureau, Ghent University
Tamara Mihajlovic, University of Belgrade

The Integration of Migrant Children into the School Systems in Malta and Serbia (The Comparative Analysis)
Tamara Mihajlovic and Ljiljana Cumura, University of Belgrade
Océane Uzureau, Ghent University
Working Group #5: Integration

Thursday 7 July 2022

Working Group #5 | Session I
09:30 – 11:00
WEBEX link
Room D62

Chair: Ihssane Otmani
Mentor: Patrick Simon

Political Engagement Integration of Ethnic Minorities in the UK: The Case of the Ghanaian Diaspora in London
Jamilla Hamidu, Institut d’Etudes Politique de Bordeaux
Discussant: Irene Routté, University of Michigan

Migration, Economic and Integration Policies Nexus: The Case of Syria Refugees in Turkey
Umar Mohammed, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University
Discussant: Hiromi Yumoto, University of Birmingham

Civic Integration Exams and Local Labour Market Training: Examining the Employment Outcomes of Refugees
Matt Cole, Liza Jabbour, Ceren Ozgen, Hiromi Yumoto, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Umar Mohammed, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University

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Working Group #5 | Session III
11:00 – 12:30
WEBEX link
Room D62

Chair: Annique Lombard
Mentor: Eva Fernandez

Educational and Occupational Aspiration Formation among Refugees: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Perceive and Shape Refugee Educational and Occupational Aspirations?
Ihssane Otmani, University of Lausanne
Discussant: Adrian Favell, University of Leeds

Commitment-Conflict at Work, and at Home: The Conflicting Commitments of Afghan Refugees Living in the Netherlands
Annabel Buiter, Yvonne van Rosenberg, Ana Carolina de Aguilar Rodrigues, Lucas Santos, Radboud University
Discussant: Julie Fournier, European University Institute

Working Group #5 | Session IV
14:00 – 15:30
WEBEX link
Room D62

Chair: Ihssane Otmani
Mentor: Patrick Simon

Occupational Attainment and Career Progression among Iraqi Immigrants Admitted under Different Categories in Sweden
Julie Fournier, European University Institute
Discussant: Annabel Buiter, Radboud University

Will You Take Care? Bio-Space, Racial Assemblages and the U.S. Youth Refugee Resettlement Welfare System
Irene Routté, University of Michigan
Discussant: Jamilla Hamidu, Institut d’Etudes Politique de Bordeaux

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Working Group #6: Current and Future Tensions

Thursday 7 July 2022

Working Group #6 | Session I
09:30 – 11:00
WEBEX link
Room D71

Chair: Robin Stünzi
Mentor: Jonas Bergmann

Internal Migration as a Response to Soil Degradation: Evidence from Malawi
Keiti Kondi, UC Louvain
Discussant: Sophie Schriever, University of Amsterdam/Université Laval

From Climate Refugees to Disaster Displacement: Tracing the Emergence of the Migration as Adaptation Framing
Sophie Schriever, University of Amsterdam/Université Laval
Discussant: Keiti Kondi, UC Louvain

Virtuality, Digitalization, and Artificial Intelligence in Canada’s Temporary Migration Regime
Lisa Brunner, University of British Columbia
Discussant: Aurelia Streit, DeZIM-Institute

Contested EU Externalisation Policies: Perspectives and Strategies of Tunisia and Turkey
Aurelia Streit, DeZIM-Institute
Discussant: Lisa Brunner, University of British Columbia

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Working Group #6 | Session III
11:00 – 12:30
WEBEX link
Room D71

Chair: Robin Stünzi
Mentor: Nora Bardelli

Hidden Tensions Faced by African Immigrants in the Ukraine Refugee Camps
Frank Ojwang, University of Lapland
Discussant: Mateusz Krepa, University of Warsaw

Push-Backs, Subjugated Labour and an Interplay of Power: Construction of Deportability ‘at’ the Belarusian-Polish Frontier
Mateusz Krepa, University of Warsaw
Discussant: Frank Ojwang, University of Lapland
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