



## **Academic Conversation**

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**Friday, 16 December 2022**

**Entangled Crises and Their Impact on Migration and (Im)Mobility –  
What's an Interdisciplinary Perspective?**

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**Helle Rydström, Lund University**

**Mo Hamza, Lund University**

**Moderation: Gianni D'Amato, University of Neuchâtel, nccr – on the  
move**

18:00 – 19:30

This conversation will be held in person at the University of Neuchâtel, Av. du 1er-Mars 26, Room D71  
and on WEBEX ([at this link](#)).

## **Abstract**

In this Academic Conversation, Helle Rydström and Mo Hamza will engage in a discussion of how social sciences can formulate an appropriate interdisciplinary approach to the research of crises in general, and their impact on human migration, mobility and immobility in particular. The two speakers will discuss how, in a highly volatile geopolitical context shaped by recent and more long-term turbulent developments, Social Scientists can approach conceptually and analyze empirically different political, public health, economic and environmental crises. The conversation will ask how the specific nature of each crisis, as well as the potential overlaps and entanglements between different disruptions can be taken into account. Additionally, they will also be discussing how research can remain alert to the socially constructed nature and politicization of crises, while at the same time acknowledging the devastating impact moments of uncertainty have on many lives, societies and ecosystems around the globe.

## **About the Speakers**

Helle Rydström is a Professor at the Department of Gender Studies at the Lund University in Sweden. She has a background in Social Anthropology and International Development Studies. Her research explores entanglements between gender, masculinity, crises, precariousness, and harm in Vietnam in comparison with countries such as China, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines due to collaborations in research projects, which Rydström has coordinated. She is the President of the Society for Critical Studies of Crisis (SCSC), which she launched together with colleagues in 2020. She has been a visiting scholar, amongst other places, at The Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore; The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, New York University, USA; and The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

Mo Hamza is a Professor of Risk Management and Societal Safety at the Lund University in Sweden. His primary areas of professional expertise and research work are disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, climate change impact and adaptation in fragile and failed states, and environmental displacement. He has undertaken research and consultancy work in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Botswana, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Uganda, South Eastern Europe and the Balkan States. He currently leads a research project on refugee decision-making in movement from first countries of asylum; and a public sector program on climate-related displacement in African cities. He co-coordinated a Lund University-funded research theme on the interdisciplinary studies of crises and coordinated another research theme on the future of human rights.

## **Selected Publications Helle Rydström**

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- Rydstrom, Helle. 2019. “The Machinery of Male Violence, Embodied Properties, and Chronic Crisis: The Realities and Perils of Harm amongst Partners in Vietnam”, *Special Goethe University Issue on “Violence in Southeast Asia”*, *Austrian Journal of South-East Asian Studies*, vol. 12(2):167-185.

### **Selected Publications Mo Hamza**

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- Hamza, M. (2021) *Refugees’ Integration in the Built Environment: The Sweden Case*. *Sustainability*, 13(22), 12812.
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