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**Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled
Crises: Concepts, Practices and Governance**

**6th Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration
and Mobility Studies**

University of Neuchâtel, 11 – 12 July 2023

Call for Papers

Deadline for Submission is 28 February 2023

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Aim and Scope

The Neuchâtel Graduate Conference is an international graduate conference organized by the **nccr – on the move**, the Swiss National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. We aim to provide a stimulating environment where doctoral and postdoctoral researchers from different universities and research institutions can exchange ideas, establish networks, attend targeted training, and initiate collaborative research.

The 6th edition of the conference will take place on 11-12 July 2023, as a hybrid event, with an in-person event at the University of Neuchâtel but also the possibility to attend online (only for passive participation). We will be selecting approximately 50 researchers working in the field of migration and mobility to participate in the event in person based on the contributions submitted.

Call for Contributions: Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled Crises: Concepts, Practices and Governance

The topic of this year's Graduate Conference will be 'Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled Crises: Concepts, Practices and Governance.' Despite different temporalities and intensities, disruptive events – such as the so-called refugee crisis of 2015-2016, the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russian invasion of Ukraine or the accelerated effects of global warming – have exposed the vulnerabilities of an increasingly interconnected world, challenging existing models, and governance of migration and im/mobility. Such events also revealed and exacerbated inequalities related to who is able to move, how, and where from/where to. Nonetheless, crises may not always arise suddenly and unexpectedly, but they may also appear as slow-building processes with the potential to

culminate in escalating events. The climate emergency, for example, did not materialize suddenly, yet it still has a tremendous impact on how people move, thus illustrating a broader entanglement: crises are rarely monocausal. More often than not, they are the cumulative effect of a series of events perceived as threats/challenges that require immediate, fundamental action. Therefore, crises are also likely to prompt paradigm shifts in the conceptualization, practices and governance of migration and im/mobility.

Against this background, we encourage researchers to explore the construction and the impact of past, current or future crises on the public perception, governance, and practices of migration and im/mobility, across different geographical and political contexts, and on different scales of social organization. We also invite contributions that explore the differential experiences of crises and critically engage with the concept of crisis itself, addressing what constitutes a crisis and for whom. We welcome contributions on this overarching topic from all related disciplines in migration and mobility studies, such as demography, economics, geography, law, political science, sociology, psychology, anthropology, as well as other relevant fields.

Submission Procedure

The deadline for submission is 28 February 2023.

Contributions can take the form of papers or posters. Contribution proposals should include an abstract (max. 250 words), a list of up to five keywords, and the name and affiliation of the presenter. Co-authored contributions at different stages of advancement are also welcome.

Contribution proposals must be submitted via [this form](#) by Tuesday, 28 February 2023. Applicants will be informed by 20 March 2023. For any questions, please send an email to ngc@nccr-onthemove.ch.

There is no participation fee.

To encourage international participation, the nccr – on the move will provide funding opportunities that are specifically designed for international graduate students traveling from far or without mobility funding. Priority will be given to accepted participants based in or coming from countries listed under categories B (Upper middle income) and C (Low and lower middle income) identified by the [International Sociological Association \(ISA\)](#). Eligible participants can apply for funding in a second step after having received the notification that their proposal was accepted for the conference.

Conference Format

The conference will take place as a hybrid event. However, the possibility to attend remotely via Webex is only envisaged for passive participation and exceptional circumstances, as in-person attendance at the University of Neuchâtel for presenters is preferred. Panels shall consist of three to four papers/posters, with two-hour slots allowing for substantial presentation and discussion time. Participants of the panels and senior researchers of the nccr – on the move will act as discussants of the panels.

Best Paper and Best Poster Awards

The Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies offers a prize of CHF 500 for the best paper and for the best poster to be submitted and presented at the conference.