The nccr – on the move is the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary phenomena related to migration and mobility in Switzerland and beyond. Connecting disciplines, the NCCR brings together research from the social sciences, economics, and law.

Managed at the University of Neuchâtel, the nccr – on the move is currently in its third phase (2022–2026) for which it receives SNSF funding of 10.8 million Swiss Francs. The network comprises 11 research projects at eight universities in Switzerland: the Universities of Basel, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel, as well as the ETH Zurich, the Graduate Institute Geneva, the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences.

Further information on the research projects, the researchers, and findings in different formats such as working papers, publications, blogs, policy briefs, or video clips can be found on the nccr-onthemove.ch website.
Migration-Mobility Nexus
The overall scientific aim of the nccr – on the move is to offer a comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework for understanding the interplay between contemporary migration and (im)mobility to Switzerland and beyond. By postulating four interplays – continuum, enablement, hierarchy, opposition – between migration and (im)mobility, the Migration-Mobility Nexus sketches an analytical lens to understand the transformation of contemporary patterns of movement, their modes of governance and regulation, as well as their economic drivers and the societal dynamics they reproduce.
Research in the third phase studies how crises influence the framing of human movement by reinforcing or weakening certain dynamics within and between the interplays of the Nexus, by, for example, triggering changes in existing hierarchies of movements.

The NCCR in a Nutshell
The nccr – on the move was launched in 2014. In its initial phase, the 20 NCCR research projects investigated contemporary phenomena related to migration and mobility in Switzerland. The 17 projects of the second phase (2018 to 2022) expanded the research focus beyond Switzerland for international comparison. In this third and final phase, the research projects will examine the impact of various crises on migration and (im)mobility from an interdisciplinary perspective in three thematic research modules: (I) Migration-Mobility Governance and Crisis Narratives Across Time and Space: Regional, National, and International Perspectives, (II) Socio-Economic Inequality in Times of Crises, and (III) Evolving Regimes of (Im)Mobility in Times of Crisis.
In numbers, the nccr – on the move is a network of:
— 30 Project Leaders at 8 Swiss higher education institutes
— Over 40 PostDocs and doctoral students
— A dozen associated researchers

Benefits and Impact
The doctoral program of the nccr – on the move and the interdisciplinary collaboration among the research projects foster scientific innovation and strengthen the field of mobility and migration studies in Switzerland and beyond. Knowledge transfer measures allow for a regular and structured exchange with members of the wider national and international scientific community, with institutional partners, decision-makers, and opinion leaders. In addition, external communication ensures that the knowledge gained within the NCCR reaches a broader audience. Special attention is dedicated to improving equal opportunities and the awareness of issues related to discrimination at all levels of the NCCR.

Migration-Mobility Survey
Immigration plays a role in shaping Swiss society and it contributes to our economic and social development. To provide a better understanding of contemporary migrant flows and the circumstances of foreigners living in Switzerland, the nccr – on the move conducts the Migration-Mobility Survey every two years.
nccr-onthemove.ch/survey

Migration-Mobility Indicators
The nccr – on the move produces a “toolbox” allowing interactive exploration of different facets of the migratory landscape in Switzerland and beyond. The Migration-Mobility Indicators are based on various sources of data and provide key figures and original analyses of the phenomena of migration and mobility. The visualizations are bundled into thematic blocks and are regularly updated and expanded as more data becomes available.
indicators.nccr-onthemove.ch
Research Projects of Phase III

**Module I**
Migration-Mobility Governance and Crisis Narratives Across Time and Space: Regional, National, and International Perspectives

Sandra Lavenex, Vincent Chetail
The Impact of Crises on the Global Governance of Migration: Boost or Blow

Gianni D’Amato, Matteo Gianni, Didier Ruedin
Narratives of Crisis and Their Influence in Shaping Discourses and Policies of Migration and Mobility

Olivier Crevoisier, Jean-Thomas Arrighi, Sean Mueller
A European Desert? The Territorial Economics and Politics of Emigration in Crisis Regions

**Module II**
Socio-Economic Inequality in Times of Crises

Tobias Müller, Martina Viarengo, Philippe Wanner
The Longitudinal Impact of Crises on Economic, Social, and Mobility-Related Outcomes: The Role of Gender, Skills, and Migration Status
Ola Söderström, Sophie Oldfield
Data Politics and New Regimes of Mobility and Control During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Eva G.T. Green, Anita Manatschal, Juan M. Falomir Pichastor
Attitudes Towards Migration and Democracy in Times of Intertwined Crises

Dominik Hangartner, Michael Siegenthaler
Monitoring Ethnic and Immigrant Discrimination in Hiring Decisions in Times of Crisis

Nathalie Müller Mirza, Tania Zittoun, Alex Gillespie
Societal Crises and Personal Sense-Making: Transitions, Mobility, and Imagination Across the Lifecourse

Walter Leimgruber, Mihaela Nedelcu
Dealing with Crises and Liminal Situations: The Agency of Ukrainian and Syrian Forced Migrants in Three National Contexts

Christin Achermann, Janine Dahinden, Francisco Klauser
Towards a Novel Mobility Regime? The Legacies of the COVID-19 Pandemic Regarding the Governance of Human Movement

Eric Crettaz, Stefanie Kurt, Francesco Maiani, Eva Mey
Evolving (Im)Mobility Regimes: Migrant Workers’ Entitlement and Precarization in Times of Crisis

Module III
Evolving Regimes of (Im)Mobility in Times of Crisis