Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled Crises

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The 6th edition will take place from 11 to 12 July 2023 in Neuchâtel, providing opportunities to meet other researchers in formal and informal gatherings. The topic of this year’s Graduate Conference will be “Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled Crises”

Plenary events of the conference

Tuesday, 11 July 2023

11:45 – 13:15
**European Migration Governance in the Context of Uncertainty**
Mathias Czaika, University for Continuing Education Krems

17:00 – 17:45
**A Global Network of Scholars? The Geographical Concentration of Institutes in Migration Studies and its Implications**
Lorenzo Piccoli, EUI

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**Guided Tour on Traces of Slavery in Neuchâtel**

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**Round Table on Migration Governance in South Africa and Brazil**
Leiza Brumat (Eurac Research, Bolzano)
Paulo Sérgio Almeida (UNHCR Brazil)
Lily Sanya (IOM South Africa)
Nene Ernest Khalema (School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of Kwazulu-Natal)

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**Movie Screening:** Hit the Road, by Panah Panahi
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Borders and Securitization
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Chair: Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

Schengen Reform in Crisis: Securitization, Gradual Supranationalization and the Undoing of Schengen as an Identity-Creating Project
Jonas Bornemann, University of Lausanne and HES-SO Valais-Wallis

Border Externalization and the Interplay of Capital and Race in the Transit “Migration” State
Timor Landherr, Queen Mary University of London

The Gender and Racial Lenses of Border (Im)Mobility: A Case of Poland
Zuzanna Samson, European University Institute

The Securitisation of Migration in the Canary Islands: A Critical Analysis of Migration Policies and Bordering Practices
Megan Denise Smith, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)

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Brain Gain and Brain Drain
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Chair: Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

International Education and Migration in Times of Labor Shortage: Examining Mexican and Vietnamese Students’ and Graduates’ Mobilities in Vancouver, Canada
Anne-Cécile Delaisse, The University of British Columbia and Maria Cervantes, The University of British Columbia

Swiss and Canadian Practices Facilitating the Arrival and Recruitment of Displaced Ukrainian IT (Information Technology) Professionals
Melda Dervisoska, University of Lucerne, Olivia Dale, independent researcher Ottawa/Canada and Juanita Molano, independent researcher Ottawa/Canada

From Deindustrialisation to the Break-up of Yugoslavia, Yugoslav Immigration in France Through the Prism of Crises
Juliette Ronsin IHMC, Ecole Normale Supérieure

Embedded in “Crisis”: The Implications of Welcoming Migrant Newcomers Into Spanish Demographically Challenged Areas
Leticia Santaballa, University of A Coruña (UDC)
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The Migration-Development Nexus in Swiss Policy: A Tool of B/Ordering
Caroline Aka, University of Neuchâtel

The Granary in Flames: Linking Russia’s War in Ukraine With Food Insecurity and Migration in Africa
Sona Kalantaryan and Simon McMahon, European Commission

The Politics of Consultation in EU Migration Policy: Interests, Norms, and Ideas
Daniela Movileanu, London School of Economics and Political Science

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Karin Vaagland and Sandra Lavenex, University of Geneva

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The Nature, Drivers, and Frequency of Immigration Misperceptions in Switzerland
Marco Bitschnau, University of Neuchâtel and Philipp Lutz, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

A Discourse-Historical Analysis of the 2014 Vote ‘Against Mass Immigration’ in Switzerland
Bridget Collrin, Toronto Metropolitan University

Shaping and Retaining Migration Crisis Narratives and Practices on EU Borders: the Case of Ceuta and Melilla
Anna Marino, University of Neuchatel and Vestin Hategekimana, University of Geneva

Caribbean Cuisine: Palm Trees and Paradise
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- ‘Why Did You Not Marry in Europe?’ How Black Migrant Men Challenge Moralizing and Racializing Discourses When Returning to Senegal
  Karlien Strijbosch and Valentina Mazzucato, Maastricht University

- Reclaiming Agency through the Politics of the InVisible Body: Illegalized Migration and Self-Representation of Women Domestic Workers in Switzerland
  Maevia Griffiths, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) and Goldsmiths University London and Victor Santos Rodriguez, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)

- Syrian Muslim Men in Germany as Ethnicized Others: A Study of Agency and Belonging
  Mira Elham Hazzaa, IMIS

- Translating Race, Migration, and Gender in Reproductive Policies for Migrant Women: The Case of São Paulo, Brazil
  Jaciane Pimentel Milanezi Reinehr, Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) and Graziella Moraes Dias Da Silva, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)

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**Governing Migration and Mobility in Times of Health Crisis**
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Mentor: Lorenzo Piccoli, EUI
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- Reframing Crisis: Asylum Policies, Rule of Law, and the COVID-19 Pandemic at the External Borders of Poland and the United States
  Marta Gorczynska, University of Warsaw

- Complicating Crisis: Comparing Mobility Restrictions in Canada and Australia Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic
  Kate Motluk, Wilfrid Laurier University

- Collaborative Governance of Rural-Urban Migrants in Times of COVID-19 Crisis: A Case Study of Torch Community in Xinqiao Village, Guangzhou, China
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A Global Network of Scholars? The Geographical Concentration of Institutes in Migration Studies and its Implications
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**Policies of Scapegoating: How Negative Perceptions of Syrian Refugees and Insistence on the Temporariness of Their Stay Are Instrumentalised in Crisis-Stricken Lebanon**  
Maciej Grześkowiak, University of Warsaw

**Paradoxes of the Host Countries on the Repatriation of Refugees**  
Md Saiful Islam, Selcuk University

**Spaces of Crisis(es)? Refugee Camps in Jordan and Reception Facilities for Asylum Seekers in Luxembourg**  
Léa Lemaire, Université libre de Bruxelles and Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

**A Comparison of EU’s Approaches to Imminent Mass Influxes**  
Ayse Yildiz-Demir, The University of Glasgow

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**Political Behaviours and Parties on Immigration**  
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Mentor: Philipp Lutz, University of Amsterdam  
Chair: Caroline Aka, University of Neuchâtel

**Immigrant and Ethnic Minority Political Parties and Transformation of European Politics: The Case of the Swedish Nyans Party**  
Anna-Lena Nadler, Leiden University, Juliana Chueri, University of Lausanne and Petter Törnberg, University of Neuchatel

**Beyond Naturalization: When and Why Citizens Support Non-citizen Voting Rights**  
Marie-Lou Sohnius, University of Oxford

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Mentor: Ali Sonay, University of Bern
Chair: Oliver Pedersen, University of Neuchâtel

‘Not All Syrians Are Refugees’ the Impact of the Turkish Public, Political, Historical and Legal Discourse on the Emotional Experience of Syrian Men: A Case Study from Istanbul
Muhammed Zeyn, Ibn Haldun University

(Be)Coming Home: Conjuring Cuba from the Diaspora
Elise Hjalmarson, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)

Exceptions to State: The Violence of Mobility for Pakhtuns in Karachi
Saeed Husain, Aga Khan University

Nikola Lero, St. Louis University

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Chair: Vestin Hategekimana, University of Geneva

Appealed Cases in (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Asylum Procedures in Switzerland: The Impact of Legal Representation
Mathis Schnell, University of Neuchâtel and Jonathan Miaz, University of Lausanne

Queer Views on the Entanglement of Crisis and Persecution in (Swiss) Asylum Law and Policy
Aadarsh Gangwar, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)

Migration, Mobility and ‘Exploding’ Sex Markets: Sex Work Regulation as Migration Governance in Switzerland
Lisa Stalder, University of Neuchâtel

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Mentor: Elisa Fornale, World Trade Institute
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- *Climate-Induced Psychological Conditions and Migration as an Adaptation Strategy in Yapei and Wungu in the Savannah and North East Regions of Ghana*
  Sandra Obiri-Yeboah and Isaac Yeboah, University of Ghana

- *Climate Change-Induced Human Mobility: An Afrocentric Perspective From Southern Africa*
  Happy Tirivangasi, University of Jyvaskyla

- *Everyday Crises of Climate Change and Care: How Climate Change Shapes Human Mobilities in India*
  Deeksha, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

- *Environmental Injustice and Out-migration of Bangladeshi Women to India: Can Community-led Resilience Bridge the Policy Loopholes?*
  Mrittika Bhattacharya, University of Bristol

- *Which Protection for Climate Refugees Under the European Court of Human Rights?: Exploring the Case-Law on the Principle of Non-refoulement*
  Erika Moranduzzo, University of Leeds

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**Empirical and Normative Perspectives on Refugee Protection**
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Mentor: Frowin Rausis, University of Geneva
Chair: Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

- *The Complementarity of Law and Politics in the Quest for a Lasting Answer to Refugeehood: An African Perspective*
  Norman Pinduka, Africa University

- *Beyond the Liberal and Illiberal Paradoxes: The Anocratic Hump in Refugee Protection and Asylum Recognition*
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Chair: Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

- **The Causes and Consequences of Vulnerability for Young Refugees Building a Life in Luxembourg: A Critical Phenomenological Analysis**
  Amalia Gilodi, Isabelle Albert and Birte Nienaber, University of Luxembourg

- **Remembering Past, Re-Imagining Lives: Exploring Experiences of Different Timescapes and Relational Wellbeing in the Lives of Young Refugees**
  Fathe Mubeen, Tampere University and Migration institute of Finland, Marte Knag, NORCE and Ravi Kohli, University of Bedfordshire

- **Critical Features of Science Education: A Comparison between Global and National Education Policy for Rohingya Refugee Children in Bangladesh**
  Shukufe Rahman and Gayle Buck, Indiana University

- **Continuity and Change: Help-Seeking Behaviour and Understandings of Mental Wellbeing Among Ghanaian Migrants in London**
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  Johannes Bhanye, University of the Free State

- **States and Diasporas Facing Death in Migration: A Comparative Analysis of the Senegalese and Tunisian Cases Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic**
  Félicien de Heusch, Carole Wenger and Jean-Michel Lafleur, CEDEM, Université de Liège

- **Exploring the Sociocultural Attitudes of Migrants Towards COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Policy Implications: A Case of West African Migrants in Kumasi, Ghana**
  Elizabeth Koomson-Yalley, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

- **Perceptions and Experiences of Mobility Among Chinese International Postgraduate Student Under COVID-19: A Qualitative Analysis**
  Chu Liu and Yufeng Wu, University College London

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