


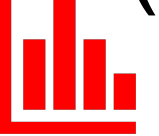

Evolving (Im)Mobility Regimes: Migrant Workers' Entitlement and Precarization in Times of Crisis

Research Questions

Applying legal as well as qualitative and quantitative social science research methods, we aim to answer three research question:

1. How do crises induce changes in law and policy?
2. How do crises affect the precarity of (im)mobile migrant workers?
3. How do migrant workers experience and cope with these precarities ?

Contributions to NCCR

- Comparative analysis of the governance of crises and their impact on the hierarchization of people *on the move* 
- Study of experiences and practices of (im)mobilities in times of crises (enablement and continuum)  

Example: Switzerland

Legal Background

- Very stable and rather restrictive laws concerning migrant workers
- 2019: more restrictive changes introduced (Foreign Nationals and Integration Act)

Precarity of Migrants

- Measurement: unemployment, low wages, fixed-term contract, shift / weekend / night work, wish to work more
- Factors that influence precarity: region of origin, years since arrival, gender, education









Precarity of Migrants during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Focus on gastronomy & hospitality in VS and GR:
 - Importantly touched by the pandemic
 - High % of migrant workers
- Second case study: Portugal

Planned Outputs

Presentations:



- Espanet 2024
- NGC 2024
- ESA 2024
- Congress of the SSA 2024

2023	Exploratory Data Analysis	 Law changes concerning migrant(s) workers
		 Trends in precarity of migrants
2024	Case Selection	 Expert interviews
		 Overall IP49: 6 countries Sector: gastronomy & hospitality
2024	Data Collection	 Focus on experiences of precarity and strategies to overcome precarity
		6+ Publications, for example:
2025	(Combined) Analysis and Publication	 "Soziale Arbeit und Integrationspolitik in der Schweiz"
		 "Trends in Precarity of Migrants in Europe, 2000-2021"
2026	(Combined) Analysis and Publication	 "Migrant workers and precarity during COVID-19: A Swiss Study"


Six Case Studies




The chosen case studies differ in four aspects

- Impact of crises on countries 
- Evolution of precarity
- Approaches to the admission and integration of foreigners 
- Type of policy and law changes adopted due to crises

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