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**Navigating Turbulences: Interdisciplinary
Inquiries into the Transformations of Migration
and Mobility in the 21st Century**

**7th Neuchâtel Graduate Conference
of Migration and Mobility Studies**

University of Neuchâtel, 11 – 12 July 2024

Program

Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies

11 – 12 July 2024

University of Neuchâtel

Conference Location:

University of Neuchâtel
Avenue du 1er-Mars 26
2000 Neuchâtel
Switzerland

Website: <https://nccr-onthemove.ch/events/neuchatel-graduate-conference-2024/>

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The Neuchâtel Graduate Conference (NGC) is an international graduate conference organized by the nccr – on the move, Swiss National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It provides a stimulating environment in which PhD and Postdoctoral fellows from different universities and research institutions can exchange ideas, establish networks, and initiate collaborative research.

The 7th edition will take place from 11 to 12 July 2024 in Neuchâtel, providing opportunities to meet other researchers in formal and informal gatherings. The topic of this year's Graduate Conference will be "Navigating Turbulences: Interdisciplinary Inquiries into the Transformations of Migration and Mobility in the 21st Century".

Program Overview

Thursday 11 July 2024

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome Address and Introduction to the Panels

09:15 – 11:15 **Parallel Panels Session I**

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30 **Parallel Workshops: Visual Methods; Categories in Quantitative Research**

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30 **Parallel Panels Session II**

Conference Reception

18:00 – 19:30 Informal Discussion on **Stories of Academic Failures** ([PDF](#))

19:30 Apéro

Friday 12 July 2024

09:30 – 11:30 **Parallel Panels Session III**

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 **Round Table: The NCCR Approach to Migration, Mobility and Crisis** ([PDF](#))

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30 **Parallel Panels Session IV**

16:30 **Final Apéro**

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Panel #1

Mobility Aspirations

Room B32

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Mentor: Laura Ravazzini, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Carol Pierre, University of Neuchâtel

Move, Stay, Move?! Uncertainties and the Desire to Move on – Evidence From Forced Migrants in Turkey

Berna Safak Zülfikar Savci and Nick Linsel, Ruhr University Bochum

Desire to Stay or Go: Unveiling the Factors Influencing Syrians' (Im)mobility Aspirations From Turkey to Europe

Ziad Alahmad, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

In the Search of a Better Life: Experiences and Aspirations of Forced Migrant Women, Between Resistances and Vulnerabilities

Ximena Alba Villalever, Freie Universität Berlin, and Berna Safak Zülfikar Savci, Ruhr University Bochum

Evolution of Mobility Intentions Over the Life Course Among Migrants with a Transnational Family Migration, Transnationalism, Family, Switzerland, Covid-19

Vestin Hategekimana, University of Geneva

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Panel #2

Refugee Protection

Room B29

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor: Loren Landau, University of Oxford and University of the Witwatersrand

Chair: Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

Host Commitments Backsliding From the United Nations Refugee Protection and Carte blanche of Cherry Picking of Unsettled Guests in South Africa

Samuel Uwem Umoh, University of Hrade Klove

Unraveling the Nexus: Responsibility-Sharing and Domestic Politics in Europe

Maud Bachelet, University of Geneva

Conflict in Afghanistan and Forced Migration: Strategies for a Solution

Mohd Qayomi, Laurentian University

The Politics of Refugee Protection

Frowin Rausis, University of Geneva

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Panel #3

Labor Market and Precarity

Room C49

WEBEX [link](#)

Chair: Liliana Azevedo, University of Neuchâtel

Caught in Crises: Uncertain Times for Syrian Refugees in Türkiye's Labor Market

Umar Mohammed, Hitit University

Power Dynamics and Labor Exploitation Under the Kafala System Through Room Without a View (2021) and Maid in Hell (2018)

Fatma Ozen, York University

The Labor Market Effects of 'Guest Worker' Programs: Evidence from Switzerland

Kristina Schüpbach, ETH Zurich

Migrant Workers and Precarity: A Swiss Study Over the Past 20 Years

Sarah Ludwig-Dehm and Livia Tomás, HES-SO and ZHAW

09:15 – 11:15

Panel #4

State Strategies for Attracting or Retaining People on the Move

Room C56

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor: Gianni D'Amato, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Aldina Camenisch, University of Neuchâtel

Migration vs. Non-migration Policies: Examining Deterrent Effects on High-Skilled Migrants' Intentions to Remain in the Netherlands Using True Experiments

Julia Reinold, Maastricht University

Intra-EU Emigration: Political Discourses and Responses at the European Union

Great Udochi, University of Neuchâtel

(De)Constructing the Diaspora: A Comparative Analysis of the Affective Impact of the Hungarian and Venezuelan States' Emigrant (Dis)Engagement Strategies

Judit Molnar, University of Oxford

Conflicts Within Regional Free Movement Frameworks: A Case Study Based on the EU, ECOWAS, and Mercosur

Zoé Perko, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

11:30 – 13:30

Workshops

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Workshop 1: Visual Methods

Amandine Desille, IGOT University of Lisbon

Suzy Blondin, University of Neuchâtel

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Workshop 2: Categories in Quantitative Research

Daniska Tampise Klebo, University of Neuchâtel

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Panel #5

Navigating Turbulent Journeys

Room B32

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Mentor: Simon Noori, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Nora Bardelli, University of Neuchâtel

Navigating Passports and Borders: The Complex Realities of Zimbabwean Migrants in South Africa

Tamuka Chekero, University of Pretoria

Mobility of Precarious Lives in the COVID-19 Pandemic Aftermath. Border Closures' Experiences and Rights From a Global South Perspective

Lila García, CONICET-Mar del Plata University

The Ambivalence of the Non Human Living on Afghan Migration Journeys

Théo Lefort, IHEID

Balancing Between Legal Statuses: Syrian Migration to Russia and Agency in Survival Migration

Alfiya Lyapina, Institut for Employment Research of the Federal Employment Agency of Germany

14:30 – 16:30

Panel #6

Youth and Students Mobility

Room B29

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor: Alessandra Polidori, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Jennifer Barella, University of Neuchâtel

Exploring Factors Influencing Indian Students' Mobility and Perceptions About Japan

Sakshi Narang, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Other Ways of Knowing: Exploring Relational Wellbeing in the Lives of Young Refugees in Finland, Norway and Scotland Through Art-Based Methods

Fath E Mubeen, Tampere University

Hopeful Uncertainty: Mobility Experience and Governance Among Chinese Young Professionals

Jinjin Zhang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Panel #7

Coercive Governance of Migration and Mobility

Room C49

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Chair: Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

Crimes During Migration Control? Rethinking the EU Migration Regime Through Critical Criminology and the Concept of ‘Criminal Selectivity’

Irina Fehr, Tilburg University

Dushman ya Dost: Migrant and Law Enforcement Relationships for Afghans in Karachi

Saeed Husain, Aga Khan University

Infrastructural Legacies, Biography of a Federal Asylum Center in Switzerland

Sélim Clerc, University of Neuchâtel

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Panel #8

Categorizing Migration and Mobility

Room C56

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor : Jean-Thomas Arrighi, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Daniska Tampise Klebo, University of Neuchâtel

Governing the Mobility of Key Workers: Practices of Categorisation and Boundary-Making Since the Outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United Kingdom

Eloise Thompson, University of Neuchâtel

Belarus’s Coercive Engineered Migration Case of 2021–2022: Categorisation of State Media Narratives

Andrei Yeliseyeu, University of Warsaw

Borders and Categorization: Who are Migrants?

Lisa Senecal, University of Lisbon

Which “Demos” is Allowed to Criticize the Government? Experimental Evidence From the United States, Switzerland, and Turkey

Mia Gardenberger, University of Neuchâtel

Informal Discussion

18:00 – 19:30

Interlope, Rue de l'Évole 39/A, Neuchâtel

Stories of Academic Failures

Eva Green, University of Lausanne

Tania Zittoun, University of Neuchâtel

Loren Landau, University of Oxford and University of the Witwatersrand

Matteo Gianni, University of Geneva

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Panel #9

Ethical and Legal Perspectives on Migration and Mobility

Room B29

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor: Matteo Gianni, University of Geneva

Chair: Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

Defending Asylum Rights: A Socio-History of Geneva's Refugee Advocacy Space From the 1930s to the Late 2010s

Apolline Foedit, Geneva Graduate Institute

The Ethical Dimensions of Migrant Rights Lawyering at Europe's External Borders

Hannah Katz, University of Haifa

Infusing “Subtle Acts of Care” in Transnational Labour Mobility Discourse – A Third World Inquiry

Christiana Sagay, University of Ottawa

Crisis-Related Changes in Migration Law and Policy: A Case of Poland

Maja Lysienka, University of Lausanne and HES-SO Valais-Wallis

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Panel #10

Rethinking Mobility

Room B32

WEBEX [link](#)

Mentor: Naiara Rodriguez-Pena, University for Continuing Education KREMS

Chair: Daniska Tampise Klebo, University of Neuchâtel

Mobility and Immobility of Female Pakistani Student Migration to China in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Yingjing Du, Waseda University

The Interplay of Mobility and Vulnerability Among Repatriated Filipino Transnational Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Kristel May Gomez-Magdaraog, University of Geneva

Trapped in Time and Place: Cognitive Immobility among Diaspora Communities

Ezenwa Olumba, Royal Holloway, University of London

Lithe Forms of Migration and Mobility: Zimbabwean Youth's Illegal Migration Strategies to South Africa During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Patience Sibanda, Midlands State University

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Panel #11

Climate Induced Mobility

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Mentor: Etienne Piguet, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Aldina Camenisch, University of Neuchâtel

Climate Migration in South America - Is the Region Prepared for New Migration Flows?

Marilia Papaléo Gagliardi, USP

(Un)Packing Climate-Induced Mobility in Southern Philippines

Paul Mart Jeyand Matangcas, Davao Oriental State University

Understanding Climate-Induced (Im)Mobility in Uttarakhand: Critical Evidence From Joshimath

Tulika Bourai, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani

Climate Change, Gender Inequality, and Migration: An Analysis of Women's Livelihoods in Northern Ghana

Sandra Obiri-Yeboah, University of Ghana

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Panel #12

Bureaucratic Decision Making on Mobile Populations

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Mentor: Lisa Marie Borrelli, HES-SO Wallis

Chair: Nora Bardelli, University of Neuchâtel

Tombola Italiana: Unraveling the Paradox of Inconsistent Asylum Adjudications in Italy

Eréndira León Salvador, European University Institute

Disparities in Asylum Adjudication in Italy: An ethnographic Study of the Decision-Making Dynamics in Italian Territorial Commissions for Asylum Claims

Marco Vallada Lemonte, University of Macerata

Exploring the Impact of Migration Reception Contexts on Societal and Bureaucratic Discrimination Towards Mobile EU-Workers in Switzerland, Ireland, Denmark and Spain

Valon Hasanaj, University of Neuchâtel

'Sick Enough to Stay' or 'Fit (Enough) to Fly?' The Production of (Un)Deportability Through Health

Gesa Teigelkötter, University of Neuchâtel

12:00 – 13:30

Round Table

Room 110, Rue A.-L. Breguet 2

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The NCCR Approach to Migration, Mobility and Crisis

Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel

Anita Manatschal, University of Neuchâtel

Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel

Lucas Oesch, University of Neuchâtel

Vestin Hategekimana, University of Geneva,

Anna Marino, University of Neuchâtel

Eloise Thompson, University of Neuchâtel

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Panel #13

Technologies and Intermediaries

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Chair: Jennifer Barella, University of Neuchâtel

Unseen Hands: The Subtle Power of International Friendship Associations in Shaping Ibaraki's Immigrant Landscape, in Japan.

Brandon Bodenstein, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Managing the Merchants of Migration: Regulating the Private-Sector Labor Intermediaries That Motivate Movement

Edward Mohr, University of Tübingen

Forced Migration and Technology Connectivity: An Empirical Analysis of Refugees' Digital Connectivity and Its Effects on Their Perceptions of European Union

Ndirangu Ngunjiri, University of Nairobi

Abolition of the Technical Intern Training Program: A Good Solution to Deal with the Rise of Runaway Vietnamese Trainees in Japan?

Thanh Nguyen Thi, Hitotsubashi University

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Panel #14

State Apparatuses of In/Ex-clusion

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Mentor: Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Liliana Azevedo, University of Neuchâtel

Gendering the 'Securitization of Migration' Framework: Migrant Women, Reproductive Bodies and Family Reunification Politics in Postwar Switzerland

Victor Santos Rodriguez, Center for International Studies (CERI), Paris SciencesPo

Reproducing Western Notions of "Proper" Bureaucracy Through Proof of Kinship

Elena Fattorelli, Ruhr University Bochum

Boundary Making Through "Deservingness" in Swiss Maternal Care

Irina Radu, University of Neuchâtel

Understanding How Intersectional Representation and Experienced Discrimination Affect Bureaucratic Decision-Making: Implications for Equal Access to Social Rights Among Mobile European Citizens

Orlane Jadeau, University of Neuchâtel

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Panel #15

Narratives and Lived Experiences of Forced Migrants

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Mentor: Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Carol Pierre, University of Neuchâtel

Living in the Uncomfortable: Exploring Extraction in Forced Migration Research Through Story

Stacey Haugen, University of Alberta & University of Lethbridge

Theorising the ‘Humanisation’ of Refugees

Moé Suzuki, London School of Economics and Political Science

Living With and Beyond Precarity: Narratives of Ageing From Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Greater Manchester

Tess Hartland, University of Manchester

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Panel #16

Mobile People Transforming Spaces

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Mentor: Yvonne Riaño, University of Neuchâtel

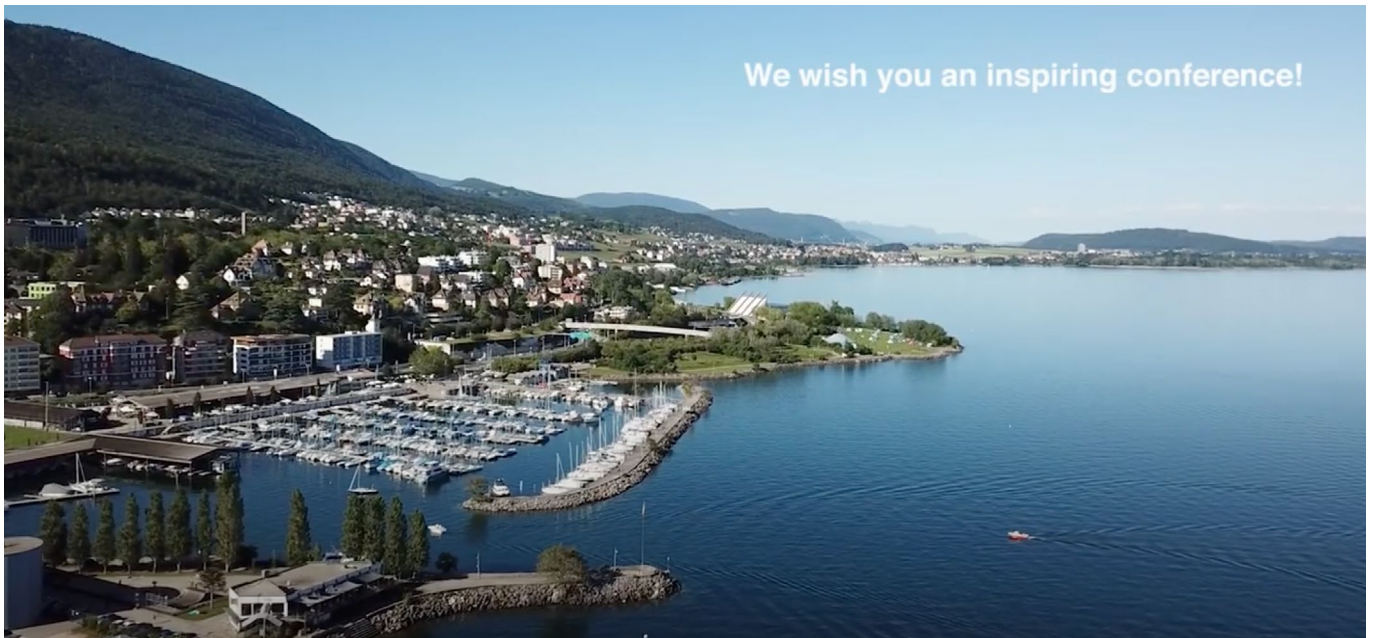
Chair: Simon Noori, University of Neuchâtel

Masculinity, Migration and Work: Highly Skilled Nepalis in Denmark

Malte Skov, University of Manchester

The “Japa Syndrome” and the Migration of Nigerians to the United Kingdom: An Empirical Analysis

Samuel Okunade, University of Johannesburg



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