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Towards Reflexivity in Migration Studies Knowledge Production in Times of Contested Politics and Post-Colonial Dynamics

ESA RN 35 “Sociology of Migration” – Midterm Conference

21-22 January 2021

Online Event

In collaboration with the IMISCOE Standing Committee “Reflexivities in Migration Studies”

PROGRAMME

Mirroring recent trends and debates in the field of migration studies, the conference will focus on the topic of reflexivity in migration research.

The conference is organized by European Sociological Association, Research Network 35 "Sociology of Migration", in close cooperation with the newly founded IMISCOE Standing Committee on “Reflexivities in Migration Studies” and the „Migration, Conflict and Social Change“ MIKOWA-Research Platform at Cottbus Technical University (www.b-tu.de/mikowa)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Thursday, January 21, 09:00 – 20:00

09:00 – 10:00	Opening of the conference
	Keynote 1: Paweł Kaczmarczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 12:15	Parallel sessions
	Session 1 – Positionality in migration research 1
	Session 2 – Questioning international migration in a neocolonial world
	Session 3 – Integration? Moving beyond established notions
12:15 – 13:00	Break
13:00 – 14:30	Parallel sessions
	Session 4 – Border regimes and the political regulation of migration
	Session 5 – Migration categories and their subversion
	Session 6 – Migration, citizenship, and the construction of in-groups and out-groups
14:30 – 14:45	Break
14:45 – 16:45	Parallel sessions
	Session 7 – Positionality in migration research 2
	Session 8 – Reflecting upon power relations and positionality in migration studies
	Session 9 – Critical questions: social theory in migration studies
16:45 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 18:00	Keynote 2: Gökce Yurdakul (Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany)
18:00 – 19:00	Break
19:00 – 20:00	ESA Research Network 35 Business meeting

Friday, January 22, 9:00 – 18:00

09:00 – 10:00	Keynote 3: Sharam Khosravi (Stockholm University, Sweden)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 12:15	Parallel sessions
	Session 10 – Reconsidering the methodological toolkit of migration research
	Session 11 – Theorizing and researching (in) post-migration societies
	Session 12 – Researching migrant biographies, life strategies, and generational orders
12:15 – 13:00	Break
13:00 – 14:30	Parallel sessions
	Session 13 – Emotions and intimacy in migration
	Session 14 – Migration research in its multiple engagements
14:30 – 14:45	Break
14:45 – 16:45	Parallel sessions
	Session 15 – Doing Migration in Postcolonial and Postsocialist Settings: Towards Reflexivity in Studying Multiple Colonialities
	Session 16 – Fieldwork with refugees and asylum seekers in Portugal: three feminists struggling with activism within and outside academia
	Session 17 – Doing Reflexive Migration Studies in Digital Times
16:45 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 18:00	Concluding Round Table on Migration, Covid19 and Reflexivity

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTERS:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROGRAMME USES CET TIME (GMT+1)

Please connect to Zoom platform at least 10 minutes before the starting time of the session. This time will allow you to check the connection, if your audio/video systems work properly etc.

Please note that every presentation has an allocated time of 30 minutes: 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for questions and discussions. Please stick to this distribution of time! Due to the online format of the conference, the chairs will be very careful with time.

For those unaccustomed with Zoom, we strongly advise you to take time to become familiar with the platform before the conference. Please be prepared to mute/unmute your microphone, turn on your camera and share screen while presenting and to use chat facility to address questions/comments.

DETAILED PROGRAMME OF SESSIONS

Keynote 1

Thursday, January 21; 09:00 – 10:00

Paweł Kaczmarczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Migration transition and migration realities in contemporary Europe: a useful or misleading concept?

Chair: Kenneth Horvath

Session 1 – Positionality in migration research 1

Thursday, January 21; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Sharam Khosravi

Presentations

Stateless Standpoint Epistemology and Blurred Researcher's Positionality.

Haqqi Bahram, Linköping University, Sweden

When the researcher becomes "the refugee": Question of positionality and situated knowledge in reflexivity discussions.

Dilek Karal, Hand in Hand for Women Stockholm, Sweden

"...to neutralize the intrusion effect..."

Karin Jóhanna L. Knudsen

Who Speaks for Refugees? Positionality or Solidarity.

Morgan Etzel, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Germany

Session 2 – Questioning international migration in a neocolonial world

Thursday, January 21; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Fiammetta Fanizza

Presentations

Challenging the binary: Reflections on multiple and unconventional positionality.

Sayaka Osanami Törngren, *Kyoko Shinozaki*, Malmö University, Sweden

Dis-Orienting Middle East Studies: Migrants, Mobilities & Other Marginal Epistemologies.

Sophie Richter-Devroe, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar

Diverging Global Opportunity Structures, Migration Decisions, and Labor Market Outcomes: Comparing 'Southwards' and 'Northwards' Migrants in Hong Kong.

Caroline Schöpf, Max Weber Foundation/Hong Kong Baptist University

A Coloniality Assessment: Human Migration & Mobility under the Impact of "Colonizer-Induced Climate Crisis".

Barış Can Sever, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

Distributed paper

"Socialisation", "Localisation": a counter-narrative on the analysis of the international migration.

Rina Manuela Contini, University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Session 3 – Integration? Moving beyond established notions

Thursday, January 21; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Paweł Kaczmarczyk

Presentations

Towards a reflexive migration studies: "Integration" — 12 propositions.

Adrian Favell, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

Doing integration.

Angelique van Dam, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Data approach via Julian Go's standpoint theory.

Johannes Kögel, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Germany

Becoming "Turkish migrant woman" in Germany: Experiences and Spaces of (Non)Integration.

Mantu Pinar Gümüş, University of Giessen, Germany

Distributed Paper

"Are you researching right now?": Critical reflections on positionality in studying migrant integration.

Angelina Penner, University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway

Session 4 – Border regimes and the political regulation of migration

Thursday, January 21; 13:00 – 14:30

Chair: Kenneth Horvath

Presentations

The Embodied Identity of Migration: the example of the European dactyloscopic database EURODAC and its enhancement.

Brigitta Kuster, Vassilis S.Tsianos, Humboldt University Berlin; Kiel University of Applied Sciences, Germany

PINning down Migrants? Subverting Digital Border Regimes Through Mimicry and Opacity.

Stephan Scheel, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Distributed Papers

Looking at migration control from a regime of bordering perspective: the case of Greek-Turkish borderland.
Zeynep Kaşlı, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Session 5 – Migration categories and their subversion

Thursday, January 21; 13:00 – 14:30

Chair: Kaja Skowronska

Presentations

Researching Migrant Identities – Three Methodological Questions.

Ulrike Bialas, Princeton University, USA

Reflexivity, feminist ethnographic research, and refugee theatre.

Nuriani Hamdan, DeZIM Institute (Deutsches Institut für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung), Germany

Overcoming structural limitations: Brexit and the missing agency.

Mārtiņš Kaprāns, University of Latvia, Latvia

Distributed Paper

New borders, new positionalities: hierarchies and practices of belonging in the everyday life of British migrants in Berlin.

Christy Kulz, Technical University Berlin, Germany

Session 6 – Migration, citizenship, and the construction of in-groups and out-groups

Thursday, January 21; 13:00 – 14:30

Chair: Monica Şerban

Presentations

Conceptualizing populism for migration research: towards communicative ethno-national populism.

Mojca Pajnik, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Reconstruction of German-Muslim processes of subjectivation.

Christoph Bitzl, University of Augsburg/ University of Applied Sciences Ansbach, Germany

A Reflexive Approach to the Changing Regimes of Citizenship: Does De-Ethnicization Mean More Inclusiveness?

Ayşe Serdar, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey

Session 7 – Positionality in migration research 2

Thursday, January 21; 14:45 – 16:45

Chair: Margit Fauser

Presentations

Discussing positionality and social markers. Advantages and negotiations around a researcher's third position.

Magali N. Alloatti, Hamburg University, Germany

How to Practice 'Reflexive Performativity'? Notes from the Ethnographic Fieldwork with Turkish Deportees from Germany in a Tourism Pluriverse.

Nilay Kilinc, University of Helsinki, Finland

Insider/Outsider Positionality: A Second-Generation Ghanaian Perspective.

Kirstie A. Kwarteng, University of London, United Kingdom

Epistemic communities and engaging with Southern knowledge: gender and migration.

Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University, United Kingdom

Distributed paper

Revisiting the Notions of Gender and Diversity in Migration Research: The Case of Syrian Refugee Women in Europe.

Nihan Duran, Science Po Paris, France

Session 8 – Reflecting upon power relations and positionality in migration studies

Thursday, January 21; 14:45 – 16:45

Chair: Janine Dahinden

Presentations

Becoming a Returning Guest – Multi-sited ethnography and power dynamics in migration studies.

Hannah Pool, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany

The use of reflexivity and self-reflexivity in migration studies: some field-notes on the relationship with immigrant women in Naples.

Rosa Gatti, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

Self-reflexivity, positionality, and access to the field in Lebanon and Germany.

Irene Tuzi, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Research in the exceptional times of Brexit.

Saara Koikkalainen, Peter Holley, Nicol Savinetti, University of Eastern Finland; University of Helsinki; University of Copenhagen, Finland, Denmark

Session 9 – Critical questions: social theory in migration studies

Thursday, January 21; 14:45 – 16:45

Chair: Felicitas Hillmann

Presentations

Beyond a metaphysical sedentarism with Deleuze's and Guattari's nomadology?

Coretta Ehrenfeld, University of Leipzig, Germany

The critical turn of migration studies: a review of current trends.

Thomas Lacroix, Swanie Potot, Camille Schmoll, United Kingdom & Paris

Employing performativity in migration studies.

Caterina Rohde-Abuba, World Vision Deutschland e.V., Germany

Do we still have to ride the post-colonial horse? The reflexive stance and the normative epistemology in migration studies.

Małgorzata Irek

Keynote 2

Thursday, January 21; 17:00 – 18:00

Gökce Yurdakul (Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany)

Getting Respect in Germany: Between Gendered Racialization and Immigrant Role Models.

Chair: Margit Fauser

ESA Research Network 35 Business meeting

Thursday, January 21; 19:00 – 20:00

The RN 35 Board (Margit Fauser, Kenneth Horvath, Monica Serban, Fiammetta Fanizza, Lena Kahle, and Kaja Skowronska) invite all participants to take part in the business meeting.

Keynote 3

Friday, January 22; 9:00 – 10:00

Saram Khosravi (Stockholm University, Sweden)
Migration Studies with an Accent.

Chair: Anna Amelina

Session 10 – Reconsidering the methodological toolkit of migration research

Friday, January 22; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Anna Amelina

Presentations

The pragmatic sociology of critique in migration research.
Olga Gheorghiev, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

Bourdieu's Field Theory in Migration Studies: A methodological tool for relational and reflexive insights on (transnational) conflicts and social inequalities.
Ilka Sommer, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Studying the powerful instead of those whom the powerful govern: Integrating feminist epistemology to migration studies.
Faten Khazaei, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Lost in Languages – Lost in Translation? Some Methodological Reflections on Dealing in the Multilingual Context of Migration Studies.
Tetiana Havlin, Universität Siegen, Germany

Distributed Papers

Leisure as a 'mediating device' for reflexive migration studies.
Anna Horolets, University of Warsaw, Poland

Vulnerabilisation – a useful concept for problematizing migrant vulnerability as a descriptive category.
Jacob Lind, Malmö University, Sweden

Session 11 – Theorizing and researching (in) post-migration societies

Friday, January 22; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Janine Dahinden

Presentations

Prolegomena on a Sociology of Post-migrant Society.
Dimitris Parsanoglou, Vassilis S. Tsianos, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Kiel, Germany; University of Applied Sciences, Greece;

Trapped in Eurocentrism? Knowledge production about Europe's second generation.

Christine Barwick, Centre Marc Bloch e.V., Germany

"New people around town are just different faces": Exploring narratives of cultural diversity among people living in regional Australia.

Rouven Link, Deakin University, Australia

Negotiating conviviality, community and migrant rights outside urban spaces.

Karin Krifors, Linköping University, Sweden

Session 12 – Researching migrant biographies, life strategies, and generational orders

Friday, January 22; 10:15 – 12:15

Chair: Lena Kahle

Presentations

Mobility and Migration: Young Italians in Berlin. The Challenge of Reflexivity.

Ilenya Camozzi, University of Milan Bicocca, Italy

The Gender Dimension of Return Migration.

Meltem Yılmaz Şener, Nord University, Norway

From Europe's Semi-periphery to the Centre: Transnational Migration in the Context of the Greek Crisis.

Sokratis Koniordos, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

Distributed Paper

Women and the Transition across State Boundaries: The Warps and Woofs of National Labor Exporting Policies of Bangladesh and the Reality.

Rasel Hussain, S. M. Anwarul Kayes Shimul, East West University, Bangladesh

Session 13 – Emotions and intimacy in migration

Friday, January 22; 13:00 – 14:30

Chair: Gökce Yurdakul

Presentations

Researching Emotions: Reflections from Fieldwork with Exiled Activists.

Amany Selim, University of Bergen, Norway

(Self)reflexivity, Emotions and the Politics of Research.

Monica Massari, University of Milan, Italy

Reflexivity and Responsibility in Research on Intimacies and Sexualities in a Migration Context.

Mona Röhm, University of Salzburg, Austria

Session 14 – Migration research in its multiple engagements

Friday, January 22; 13:00 – 14:30

Chair: Fiammetta Fanizza

Presentations

Critically engaged scholarship on the backdrop of the Dutch research-policy nexus.

Elena Ponzoni, Maria Rast, Halleh Ghorashi, VU Amsterdam, Netherlands

Militant research on refugees' right to the city and transnational commoning practices in the case of No Border Camp in Thessaloniki.

Charalampos Tsavdaroglou, University of Thessaly, Greece

Ethical Considerations of Expert Interviews in International, Multi-Sited Field Research.

Karin A. C. Johnson, University of California, Riverside, USA

Session 15 – Doing Migration in Postcolonial and Postsocialist Settings: Towards Reflexivity in Studying Multiple Colonialities

Friday, January 22; 14:45 – 16:45

Chair: Amelina Trzeciak & Anna Miriam Friz

Presentations

Migrant Lives in Post-Socialist Cities – the Example of East Germany.

Felicitas Hillmann, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Labor and gender between “there” and “here”: discourses of Bosnian-Herzegovinian *third-wave* migrant women in Germany after 2015.

Danijela Majstorović, University of Banja Luka/Justus Liebig University of Giessen, Germany

Entanglements between postcolonial and postsocialist processes of boundary-making in the mediatizations of migration and conflict in East German cities.

Miriam Friz Trzeciak, Cottbus University, Germany

Where does the east stand in post-migrant Germany? Ossification as a hegemony- (self) critical perspective.

Kathleen Heft, DEZIM-Institut Berlin, Germany

Session 16 – Fieldwork with refugees and asylum seekers in Portugal: three feminists struggling with activism within and outside academia

Friday, January 22; 14:45 – 16:45

Chair: Sílvia Cardoso

Presentations

Making sense of knowledge construction and activist research through (my own) return journey to academia.

Dora Rebelo, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

Action Research in/out academia: reflection on practices in a longitudinal field experience.

Cristina Santinho, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

'Being effected': conflicted emotions during fieldwork as epistemic standpoint.

Silvia Cardoso, IGOT-University of Lisbon, Portugal

Three Feminists struggling with activism within and outside Portuguese academia: commonalities, intersections, encounters, in searching of new ground.

Silvia Cardoso, Dora Rebelo, Cristina Santinho, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Session 17 – Doing Reflexive Migration Studies in Digital Times

Friday, January 22; 14:45 – 16:45

Chairs: Stephan Scheel

Presentations

Migration, Racism, and Big Data: Emerging Data Alliances – and a New Role for Social Research?

Kenneth Horvath, University of Lucerne, Switzerland

What Difference Does the Digital Make? A Comparative Perspective on Statistical and Big-Data- Based Knowledge Production on Migration.

Inken Bartels, Laura Stielike, IMIS, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Digital Aspects of the Regime of Borders: Driving Deterrence, Identification and Death in the Central Mediterranean.

Lisa Ann Senecal, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Governing through Opacity. Epistemic Disorienting, Deceitful Subjects and Debit Cards.

Martina Tazzioli, Goldsmiths, University of London, United Kingdom

CONCLUDING ROUND TABLE

Migration, Covid19 and Reflexivity

Friday, January 22; 17:00 – 18:00

Chair: Felicitas Hillmann

Guests: Genevieve Gencianos, PSI Migration Programme Officer, France

Gökce Yurdakul, Humboldt University Berlin

Halleh Ghorashi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam