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Migration and Im/Mobility in Times of Entangled Crises

6th Neuchâtel Graduate Conference
of Migration and Mobility Studies

University of Neuchâtel, 11 – 12 July 2023

Program

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11 – 12 July 2023

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Conference Location:

University of Neuchâtel
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2000 Neuchâtel
Switzerland

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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

18:15 – 19:15

Guided Tour on Traces of Slavery in Neuchâtel

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11:30 – 13:00

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)

16:30 – 18:30

Movie Screening: Hit the Road, by Panah Panahi

Program Overview

Tuesday 11 July 2023

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 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:15 **Public Lecture: European Migration Governance in the Context of Uncertainty**

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch Break

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

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

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19:30 **Conference Reception**

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14:00 – 16:00 **Parallel Panels Session IV**

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Panel #1

Borders and Securitization

Room B32

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Mentor: Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University

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)

09:15 – 11:15

Panel #2

Brain Gain and Brain Drain

Room B29

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Mentor: Sara De Athouguia Filipe, University of Neuchâtel

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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<p>09:15 – 11:15 Panel #3 Governing Migration and Integration through Social Policies and Values Room C49 WEBEX link</p> <p>Mentor: Christin Achermann, University of Neuchâtel Chair: Eloise Thompson, University of Neuchâtel</p>	<p>Social Policies as Migration Control Tool: The Case of Switzerland Angie Gago, University of Fribourg</p> <p>Social Rights in a (Post-)Colonial Welfare State: The Political Construction of Exclusion Eline Westra and Franca van Hooren, University of Amsterdam</p> <p>The Crisis of Integration Governance: The Sedentary Bias of Political Philosophy Stefan Manser-Egli, University of Neuchâtel</p>
<p>09:15 – 11:15 Panel #4 Structure and Agency in Forced Migration Room C56 WEBEX link</p> <p>Mentor: Mihaela Nedelcu, University of Neuchâtel Chair: Doris Niragire Nirere, University of Neuchâtel</p>	<p>Ukrainian Refugees (Re-)Introducing Themselves to European Societies: The Role of (E-) Diasporas in Co-shaping a New Narrative of Nationhood and Belonging Mary Drosopulos, Pool of European Youth Researchers EU-CoE and University of Leeds</p> <p>The Imbrication of Past and Current Crises: an Ethnography of Smartphones in Migration Trajectories in/to Europe Nina Khamsy, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)</p> <p>Selective Onward Migration? Selection Patterns Among Syrian Migrants Across Lebanon, Turkey, and Germany Lidwina Gundacker, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Sekou Keita, Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and Simon Ruhnke, Humboldt University Berlin</p> <p>Forced Migrants as Urban Actors in Lagos, Nigeria Mobilization in Cities Rebecca Enobong Roberts, Technical University of Berlin</p>
<p>11:45 – 13:45 Public Lecture Room C46 WEBEX link</p>	<p>European Migration Governance in the Context of Uncertainty Mathias Czaika, University for Continuing Education Krems</p>

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Panel #5

Migration and International Relations in Times of Crisis

Room B29

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Mentor: Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University

Chair: Doris Niragire Nirere, University of Neuchâtel

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

Crisis Perceptions in International Migration Governance – A Perpetual Motive? A Frame Analysis of UNHCR and IOM Discourse 1951-2022

Karin Vaagland and Sandra Lavenex, University of Geneva

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Panel #6

Narratives and Representations of Migration in Times of Crisis

Room B32

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Mentor: Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

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 Neuchâtel and Vestin Hategekimana, University of Geneva

Caribbean Cuisine: Palm Trees and Paradise

Charlene Rose, University of Birmingham

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Panel #7

Intersectional Approaches to Migration and Mobility

Room C49

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Mentor: Karine Duplan, University of Geneva

Chair: Oliver Pedersen, University of Neuchâtel

‘Why Did You Not Marry in Europe?’ How Black Migrant Men Challenge Moralizing and Racializing Discourses When Returning to Senegal

Karlién 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)

14:30 – 16:30

Panel #8

Governing Migration and Mobility in Times of Health Crisis

Room C56

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Mentor: Lorenzo Piccoli, EUI

Chair: Eloise Thompson, University of Neuchâtel

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

Wendi Xu, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and University of Chicago and Joseph Hongsheng Zhao, University of Cambridge and University of Glasgow

17:00 – 17:45

Public Lecture

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Governing Forced Migration in Times of Crisis

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Mentor: Ibrahim Soysüren, University of Neuchâtel

Chair: Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

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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Panel #10

Political Behaviours and Parties on Immigration

Room B32

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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 Neuchâtel

Beyond Naturalization: When and Why Citizens Support Non-citizen Voting Rights

Marie-Lou Sohnus, University of Oxford

Politicisation of Immigration in Poland During the 2015 and 2021 Migration Crises in Parliamentary Debates

Renata Stefańska, University of Warsaw

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Panel #11

Lived Experiences and Self-Perceptions of Migrants

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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 Hjalmarsen, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID)

Exceptions to State: The Violence of Mobility for Pakhtuns in Karachi

Saeed Husain, Aga Khan University

Three Decades After the War’: An Inquiry Into Family (Re) Construction of Home of 1992-1995 Bosnian War Internally Displaced Persons

Nikola Lero, St. Louis University

09:00 – 11:00

Panel #12

Migration, Asylum and Sexuality

Room C56

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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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Round Table

Room C46

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Migration Governance in Times of Entangled Crises: Lessons from Brazil and South Africa

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)

Moderation: Anouk Jasmine Albien, University of Lausanne

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Panel #13

Migration and Mobility in Times of Climate Crisis

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Mentor: Elisa Fornale, World Trade Institute

Chair: Oliver Pedersen, University of Neuchâtel

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 Jyväskylä

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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Panel #14

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

Min Ji Kim, UC San Diego

The Public Nature of Refugee Protection: What Benefits for States?

Diego Caballero Vélez, University of Warsaw and Philipp Lutz, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Panel #15

Refugees and Migrants Wellbeing

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Mentor: Nathalie Müller Mirza,
University of Geneva

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

Alexis Still, University of Sussex

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Panel #16

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Mentor: Lorenzo Piccoli, EUI

Chair: Eloise Thompson, University
of Neuchâtel

“Nimble Sociality and Belonging”: An Ethnography of Migrants’ Responses to Bans on Associational Life During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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

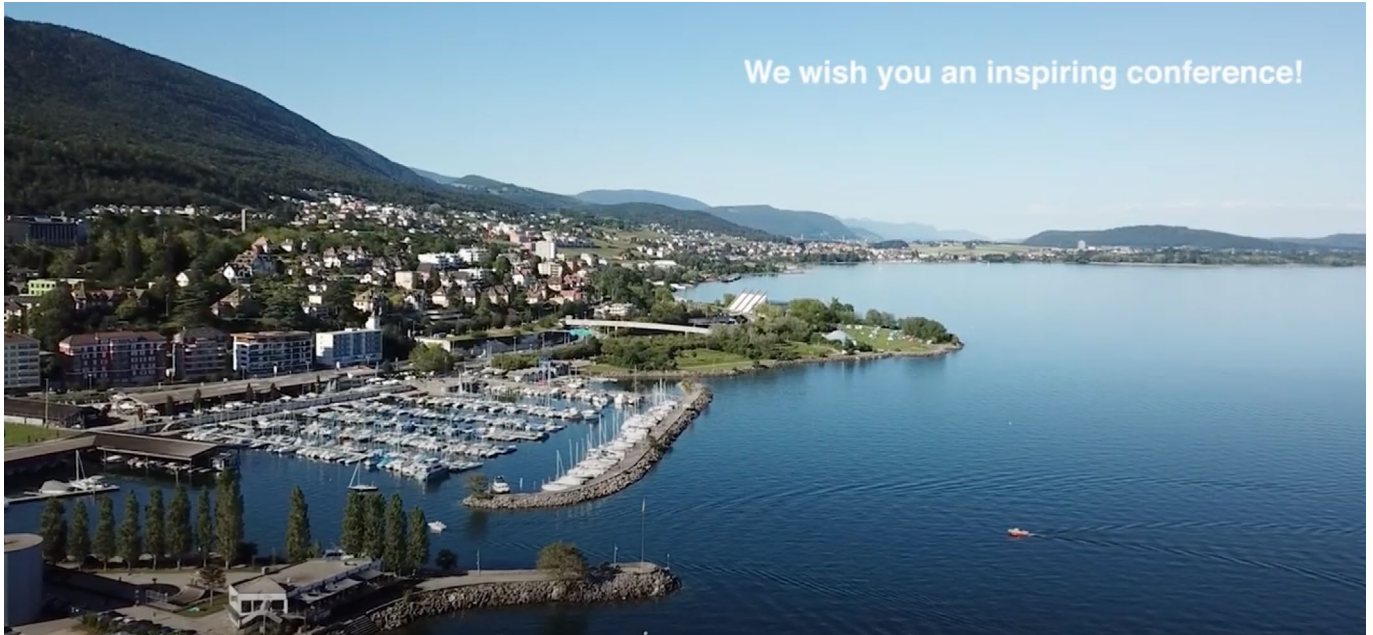
Perceptions and Experiences of Mobility Among Chinese International Postgraduate Student Under COVID-19: A Qualitative Analysis

Chu Liu and Yufeng Wu, University College London

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