

## Mobile Constitutions of Society

MOVE International Seminar ♦ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 ♦ University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

### Call for Papers

The 2010 MOVE international seminar is intended for scholars with a strong scientific interest in diverse forms of *mobilities* and their implications for the study of contemporary society. The aims of these two intensive days are:

- ✦ to build bridges between the ways in which scholars from different social science disciplines are conceptualising, analysing and operationalising the various types of mobilities that populate their research themes
- ✦ to contribute to crafting an interdisciplinary analytical framework for the study of mobilities based on sound ontological, epistemological and methodological premises.

**Paper submissions** are invited for one of the following panels:

**Panel 1:** The mobility of people and its impact on the nation-state and its regulatory arrangements. Papers shall explore the processes by which the transnational practices of migrants, their ties and forms of belonging (e.g. transnational mobilisation, flexible citizenship) challenge the regulatory mechanisms of their states of origin and settlement policies.

**Panel chair: Hans-Rudolf Wicker**

**Panel 2:** The mobility of models of built forms. How is urban globalisation related to, and shaped by, mobile ideas and practices of spatial and physical design and planning? Papers will analyse the production, global circulation and local reception of blueprints for the design of built forms claiming universal applicability.

**Panel chair: Ola Söderström**

**Panel 3:** The mobility of norms and forms of bioscientific knowledge, health care policies, medical technologies, and medical and patient practices. Papers should consider transnational exchanges in the medical care of bodies across geographic and cultural borders. Panellists will explore how global movements of biomedicine/molecular science, population health policies, reproductive technologies, and body parts are reshaping public vs. private medical care and state/civil society relations.

**Panel chair: Shalini Randeria**

**Panel 4:** The mobility of models and institutions of higher education. Papers will examine the transnationalisation of academic and educational institutions, and its effects on host societies' subjects and policies. The aim is to shed light on the reconfiguration and reconstitution of systems of higher education under contemporary globalisation.

**Panel Chair: Francesco Panese**

**Panel 5:** The mobility of actors within built environments. Papers are expected to consider the transforming effects of rapid globalisation on the relationship between built environments and people's daily mobility. Of particular interest is people's ability to craft creative mobility strategies in order to negotiate and adapt to particular social, political, and economic contexts.

**Panel chair: Vincent Kaufmann**

**Panel 6:** While increased levels of globalisation are characterised by increased mobility, such mobility has led to all sort of tensions in receiving societies. Reactions and resistances to movements of people, goods, ideas and practices are thus being observed. This panel addresses various instances of opposition to, and mobilisation against, mobilities across time and space.

**Panel chair: Gianni D'Amato**

### **General Guidelines for Abstracts**

Abstracts of at least 400 words and a maximum of 700 must be sent as attachments in either Word or PDF format to [didier.ruedin@unine.ch](mailto:didier.ruedin@unine.ch)

Please include author(s) names, institutional affiliation, contact and name of presenter, and an indication of the panel to which the paper is submitted.

This seminar is expected to yield significant results in terms of prospects for publications as well as further scientific collaboration. There will therefore be a limited number of papers selected for presentation in each session. To help us assess the suitability of each proposal, abstracts should include

- a clear outline of the main empirical and theoretical questions addressed by the paper
- a statement of the methods and support arguments
- three key references

**Submission deadline:** Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010