



Call for papers

Standing committee “Reflexive Migration Studies”

Panel-session for the 17th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Luxembourg, 30 June – July 2, 2020

The overall aim of this standing committee is to push forward a reflexive (and self-reflexive) perspective within migration studies. Investigating how this field has emerged as well as promoting reflexivity in current and future research involves questions on knowledge production, knowledge circulation and knowledge utilization. Our endeavour is a multi-faceted one: It tackles the embeddedness of the field in wider societal (power) relations and the risk to reproduce hegemonic structures. Hence, studying *knowledge production* cannot be separated from studying eurocentrism, situated positions of researchers, or contested public debates on “truth” or “fake-news”. Studying *knowledge circulation* requires examining patterns of knowledge utilization in policy, politics, or state institutions. Equally important is to analyse *the transfer of migration-related knowledge* produced by other actors, like mass media, so-called migrants themselves, civil society actors, international organizations, or social science disciplines.

The aim of this panel is to identify fields within migration studies which call for reflexivity: We decided to organize this session in form of a round table. Participants are invited to concisely present one particular challenge and propose ideas to address it. Inputs should not be longer than 5 to 10 minutes.

These ‘challenges’ could tackle one of the following issues:

- (I) Histories, theories and methodologies of migration studies
- (II) Migration knowledge production by actors outside academia
- (III) Reflection on practices of data production in migration studies and development of new and different forms of data production

We invite abstracts identifying such a particular challenge and proposing ideas to address it. Please send your abstract of up to 250 words, a title and institutional affiliation to Janine Dahinden (janine.dahinden@unine.ch), Andreas Pott (andreas.pott@uni-osnabrueck.de) and Anna-Lisa Müller (anna-lisa.mueller@uni-osnabrueck.de).

Deadline for application: 10 November 2019

Notification of acceptance: 30 November 2019

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Panel 1, Roundtable Discussion

Discussants:

Mara Gabrielli; Jordi Pàmies (Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain): *The reflexivity of the research work in participatory ethnographic methods with young refugees*

Marta Jaroszewicz; Jan Grzymski (Centre of Migration Research, Warsaw University, Poland): *Reflecting on the securitisation theory: in the pursuit of non-state-centric approach to knowledge production on migration*

Faten Khazaei (University Centre of Legal Medicine in Latin Switzerland/University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland): *Putting into Practice ‘De- Migrantization’ of Research on Migration: An Alternative Study of Swiss Institutional Responses to Domestic Violence*

Simon Noori (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland): *Taking migration knowledge production seriously. Or: How to turn applied migration research into an object of analysis itself?*

Laura Stielike (IMIS, Osnabrück University, Germany): *Practicing Double Reflexivity. Big Data and the Production of Knowledge about the Production of Knowledge about Migration*

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Panel 2, Work Plan Discussion