Towards Systematic Knowledge Accumulation In Migration Studies

Opening Conference
IMISCOE H2020 Project CrossMigration
31 May – June 1st
Badia Fiesolana-Refettorio,
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The field of migration studies has evolved and expanded significantly. This involves not only a growing quantity of studies, but also growing interdisciplinarity, methodological differentiation, expansion in countries and regions covered, and of course a growing theoretical richness. However, growth is also accompanied by fragmentation. While recognizing the value of academic diversity for academic dialogue, fragmentation can also be an impediment for systematic knowledge accumulation, theory-building and knowledge utilization.

This conference will create an open dialogue with scholars from the migration research community on how to promote systematic knowledge accumulation. It focuses both on a methodology for knowledge accumulation, involving the development of a migration studies taxonomy, as on substantive areas for knowledge accumulation. As such, the conference is relevant in migration scholars interested in the development of migration studies as a research field, as well as for policymakers tapping into migration knowledge and publishers (journals, book series) working in our field.

Thursday May 31st

13:00 Opening Plenary
    13:00 Welcome and introduction
    13:05 Opening words by Raffaella Greco-Tonegutti (European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Migration and mobility policy officer).
    13:15 Opening keynote by Prof.dr. Christina Boswell (University of Edinburgh) - *Rethinking Research Impact: Four Models of Research-Policy Relations*
    14:00 Opening presentation on CrossMigration project, by Prof.dr. Peter Scholten

14:45 *-- Break*

15:15 Parallel working groups round I
- Setting key knowledge questions for knowledge accumulation (led by Camille le Coz, MPIE)
- Towards a taxonomy of migration studies (led by EUR/ICMPD)

16:15 Parallel working groups round II
- Migration drivers (led by Prof.dr. Mathias Czaika)
- Collaboration with publishers in designing and implementing the taxonomy (led by Prof.dr. Peter Scholten)

17:15 End

Friday June 1st

9:00   Parallel working groups round III
- Migration infrastructures (led by Prof.dr. Franck Duvell)
- Migration flows (led by Prof.dr. Jorgen Carling, Prof.dr. Lucinda Fonseca and Dr. Justyna Salamonska)

10:00   Parallel working groups round IV
- Migration policies (led by Prof.dr. Andrew Geddes)
- Defining migration scenarios (led by Dr. Susanne Melde, Prof.dr. Helga Valk and Thomas Huddleston)

11:00   ---- *break*

11:30   Closing plenary
- 11:30   Reporting from working groups (by work group moderators)
- 12:15   Concluding debate on research-policy dialogues on migration and diversity, with a.o. Dr. Ann Singleton (University of Bristol).

13:00   End

14:00 – 17:00   Closed meeting of CrossMigration consortium