

Call For Papers

# Remote work and emergent mobility regimes

## Return, multilocality and processes of re-territorialisation

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A joint initiative of the RET-REM (Returning Home, Working Remote. The return mobilities of Southern European migrants in remote working - CNS2024-154626) & REMOTEWORK (Digitalisation of Work and Mobilities in Europe: Return Migration and Digital Nomadism-PID2023-148842NB-I00) Research projects.



**Cádiz (Spain)**  
November 5-6



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We are pleased to invite proposals for: **Remote work and emergent mobility regimes. Return, multilocality and processes of re-territorialisation**, an upcoming international seminar to be held in Cadiz (Spain) in November 5-6. A joint initiative of the RET-REM (Returning Home, Working Remote. The return mobilities of Southern European migrants in remote working - CNS2024-154626) & REMOTWORK (Digitalisation of Work and Mobilities in Europe: Return Migration and Digital Nomadism-PID2023-148842NB-I00) Research projects.

The seminar revolves around the idea that remote work does not merely constitute a transformation of the labor market, but can also act as a structuring mechanism for emerging forms of mobility, residence, and belonging. These mobilities—which include returns made possible by telework, digital nomadism, multilocality, and transnational circulation—are reshaping the relationships between work, place of residence, community, and the State, as well as contemporary social and territorial landscapes.

## Background

The expansion of remote work and transnational telework has intensified academic debate on the relationships between mobility, work, and territory. Although digital nomadism and other forms of flexible labor mobility have been explored from various fields—such as tourism studies, sociology of work, urban geography, and migration policy—there are still gaps in research about the whole array of possible intersections at the nexus of mobility and remote work, beyond the notion of privilege often associated with knowledge workers or so called "highly skilled" migration.

This seminar proposes placing remote work at the center of the analysis of contemporary mobilities, understood as social practices, lived experiences, and relational processes shaped by inequalities, frictions, and regulatory regimes. The focus is on the processes of deterritorialization and reterritorialization that emerge from these mobilities: shifting forms of connection to places, to local communities, to the State and social protection systems, as well as emerging configurations of households and friendships structured at a transnational level; new geographies of work and tourism; and new tensions between mobility and rootedness.

From a perspective clearly aligned with mobility studies, the seminar prioritizes qualitative, ethnographic, and comparative approaches, as well as contributions with a strong theoretical and methodological ambition.

# Lines of contribution

Proposals ought to engage with the central theme of the seminar and address, among others, the following topics:

- Qualitative and/or ethnographic methodologies for the study of emerging labor mobilities.
- Remote work and the transformation of mobility regimes in Europe.
- Return mobilities enabled by telework or remote work, and non-linear career trajectories.
- Digital nomadism, multilocality, and transnational circulation beyond tourism-focused approaches.
- Re-territorialization, belonging, home, and community in contexts of forced, prolonged, or intermittent mobility related with working remotely.
- Imaginaries of mobility, the “good life,” and future life projects associated with remote work.
- The State, taxation, social citizenship, and social protection in situations of transnational work.
- Redefinition of the spaces and times of work and life (work/life balance).
- Institutional arrangements and intermediary industries (visas, taxation, relocation, coworking).
- Local impacts of skilled mobilities: housing, gentrification, local economies, and conflicts.
- Inequalities and frictions: gender, care, life course, and privilege in labor mobilities.

## Workshop Format and Participation Requirements

The workshop is an in-person event and is conceived as an intensive academic working space aimed at the collective discussion of ongoing research, with a view to its further development into a Special Issue in a ranked journal. The working language will be English.

Selected participants will be required to submit a draft paper of at least 5,000 words by October 5, 2026. This draft will serve as the basis for discussion and should clearly present the theoretical approach, methodology, and empirical material of the work.

**Drafts will be circulated among the participants.** Submissions must be original and must not be under review simultaneously by any journal.

## Publication

Based on a selection of the contributions presented and discussed at the seminar, the organizers will explore the preparation of an international academic publication in an indexed journal in the field of mobility/migration studies, subject to the relevant editorial and peer-review processes.

# Submission of Proposals

Interested participants should submit:

- Title of the proposal
- Abstract (300–400 words)
- 3–5 keywords
- A justification explaining the connection of the proposal with the central theme of the call for papers, indicating how it contributes to the academic debate on this topic
- A brief biographical note (maximum 30 words)
- A contact email address

## Indicative Timeline

- Deadline for abstract submission: June 5, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: June 20, 2026
- Submission of draft prior to the seminar (5,000 words): October 5, 2026
- Seminar dates: November 5–6, 2026
- Submission of revised versions after the seminar: January 30, 2027

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