

IMISCOE Spring Conference

Transforming Mobility and Immobility: Brexit and Beyond

28-29 March 2019, Sheffield, UK

Organised by the Migration Research Group ([MRG](#)) at the University of Sheffield in collaboration with the Centre of Migration Research ([CMR](#)) at the University of Warsaw and [IMISCOE](#). It is supported by the [Noble Foundation's](#) Programme on Modern Poland.

Confirmed speakers include:

Professor Feargal Cochrane, University of Kent
Professor Nira Yuval Davis, University of East London
Professor Pawel Kaczmarczyk, University of Warsaw
Professor Shahram Khosravi, University of Stockholm
Dr Majella Kilkey, University of Sheffield
Magid Magid, Lord Mayor of Sheffield
Professor Louise Ryan, University of Sheffield
Professor Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Professor Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute
Professor Bryan Turner, Australian Catholic University and Potsdam University
Catherine Woollard, European Council on Refugees and Exiles

At the very moment the UK plans to exit the EU, we invite migration scholars to come together to discuss how Brexit cannot be understood in isolation, but must be seen in relation to a geographic, temporal and conceptual 'beyond'. We will collaborate to develop understanding of how on-going events in Europe and worldwide are transforming regimes, patterns and understandings of mobility and immobility.

In the 15 years since the 2004 Enlargement, at local and national scales, European countries have experienced seismic shifts associated with increasing intra-EU mobility, the economic crisis, austerity, the so-called 'refugee crisis', the rise of far-right and other populist sentiments. Brexit is clearly a notable political landmark in the UK's more generalised 'hostile environment', but globally it sits alongside other significant events such as Trump's 'raising the border' rhetoric in the USA to the forced displacement of the Rohingya from Myanmar.

Following Castles (2010: 1576), we understand these shifts as bound up in broader processes of social transformation in which 'existing social patterns are questioned and many are reconfigured'. A social transformation lens on migration, invites us, therefore, to interrogate what is changing in the politics, policies and practices of mobility and immobility, and what this means for our existing theoretical and conceptual frameworks.

We welcome paper proposals from various disciplines, theoretical and empirical oriented, case-studies and comparative and with relevance to the UK, Europe and beyond on the following **themes**:

- Shifting mobility and migration policy regimes
- Ordering and re-ordering of (im)mobile subjects in shifting regimes: gendered, classed and racialised implications
- Rescaling borders and everyday bordering
- Bottom-up strategies of individuals and groups to negotiate and resist borders
- Social transformation through migration: countries of origin and countries of living perspectives
- New and emerging patterns of migration and mobility
- Multicultures in place and understandings of integration in local contexts
- Understanding and responding to the politicisation of borders and migration

Important information

Day 1 of the conference is dedicated to doctoral research. PhD students will be given the opportunity to showcase their research, 'work in progress' and emerging research findings.

The Conference Opening Panel Discussion and a drinks reception will take place on the evening of Day 1 for all conference participants. Day 2 of the conference will include paper presentations from post-doctoral level researchers / academics and plenary sessions.

Submission of paper proposals should include a 250-word abstract. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is 31th **October 2018**. Please submit using this [form](#).

Applicants will be notified about the acceptance of their paper proposals by end of November 2018, at which point the conference registration system will open.

Registration Fees: PhD Day: £40 (Early Bird), £50 (Late registration);
Full conference: £80 (Early Bird), £100 (Late registration).
Discounted registration fees may be available for paper givers from NGOs.
Please contact [MRG Network Administrator](#) for further information.

Please consult the conference webpage for information updates:

<https://mrg.group.shef.ac.uk/future-events/international-conference-transforming-mobility-and-immobility-beyond-exit-and-beyond/>

Conference organising team at the University of Sheffield:

- Professor Louise Ryan (Co-Director MRG and Department of Sociological Studies)
- Dr Majella Kilkey (Co-Director MRG and Department of Sociological Studies)
- Dr Aneta Piekut (MRG and Sheffield Methods Institute)
- Dr Clare Rishbeth (MRG and Department of Landscape)
- Dr Zheng Wang (MRG and Urban Studies and Planning)
- Edanur Yazici (PhD Student, Department of Sociological Studies)
- Maev McDaid (PhD Student, Department of Sociological Studies)
- [Indra Mangule \(MRG Administrator\)](#)