

## ***Call for Papers***

### **14th International Conference**

Thursday, 3 July to Saturday, 5 July 2014, at the University of Applied Sciences Cologne

## **“Migration und Mobilität / Migration and Mobility”**

### **Organizing institutions**

- University of Applied Sciences Cologne, Faculty for Applied Social Sciences, Competence Center for Migration, Intercultural Education and Organizational Development (Cologne, Germany)
- Institute for Regional and Migration Research IRM (Trier, Germany)
- Institute Integration and Participation, School of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (Olten, Switzerland)
- Centre de Documentation sur les Migrations Humaines CDMH (Dudelange, Luxembourg)
- Alps Adriatic University Klagenfurt, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Department of Intercultural Education (Klagenfurt, Austria)

Migration and mobility are often perceived to be and discussed as different phenomena. Migration tends to refer to labor migration, especially from non-European countries, third countries, or in regard to refugees and asylum seekers. Mobility tends to be used in talking about internal European migrations, and in particular migrations inside the EU, as well as more generally, migration by more highly qualified individuals. This points up the fact that questions of migration and mobility are always also bound up with relations of power and domination. In the current context of global financial crisis, environmental catastrophes and violent military conflicts, the question of distinguishing between migration and mobility has gained in importance. Yet mobility and migration are not just of interest historically or from a current topical empirical vantage, but also from a phenomenological perspective. Sociology, for example, distinguishes between geographic, social and everyday mobility. Migration is most closely related to the definition of geographic mobility. Mobility in its everyday aspects relates to social change in the form of changing norms, values, ways of thinking and everyday patterns of behavior, while social mobility designates possible processes of ascent and descent in the social fabric. Migration and geographic mobility have a substantial influence in turn on these two last aspects of social advance and decline.

The pluralizing of migration and mobility has in recent years intensified, in large measure due to improved transport conditions, opportunities for travel and new technologies of information. Tourists, labor migrants, family member migrants, ethnic emigrants and ethnic late re-settlers, students, refugees, seasonal workers and professional commuters are on the move on a daily basis in various spatial and temporal dimensions. Different profiles of geographic mobility become manifest in the categorizations, which are often also marked by a multi-local manner of life. In addition, these categories are both the result of individual actions and also of governmental efforts to regulate migration and mobility.

While the long established still existing forms of migration are often still characterized by setting out for a new place or country and departure on the one hand, and arrival and settling down to stay on in a new locality on the other, continuous movement of persons and things tends more to characterize the more recent forms of geographic mobility. This is reflected in part in new definitions, concepts and discourses, for example in the attempt by using the prefix 'trans-' (transmigration, transnationality, etc.) to take the new manifestations and forms of geographic and social mobility into proper account. It is open to investigation whether these are really new forms of mobility and migration. Research is also needed on the connection between the various forms of geographic, social and everyday mobility on the one hand, and social milieus, styles of life and constructions of identity, which can be termed 'hybrid,' 'multi-local' or 'glocal,' on the other.

A further phenomenon involves the changing nature of communication due to new technologies and transport systems. Migration/mobility is increasingly occurring via transnational and global networks. However, only those can participate in such networks who have a corresponding infrastructure at their disposal. Economic and social differences play a decisive role here. Utilization of such networks is in turn heavily influenced and marked by social mobility. The opportunities for participation in such networks is encumbered and diminished by phenomena of exclusion and marginalization both within the industrialized countries and between these countries and the lesser or non-industrialized states.

In the conference, the relations between migration and mobility will be analyzed and discussed from various perspectives and in different contexts. Proposals can be submitted on the following thematic areas in the context of migration and mobility:

1. Limits of migration and mobility
2. Social mobility, migration and its everyday aspects
3. Theoretical and historical perspectives
4. Empirical investigations
5. Institutions and social practices
6. Forms of communication and networks
7. Social milieus, styles of life and constructions of identity
8. Cultures of memory: exhibits, museums, public space

Interested potential presenters are requested to submit an abstract of 500 words maximum with a short title, along with a brief bio and contact address (e-mail, telephone and postal address). For that purpose, please use the online form available at [www.migrationskonferenz.ch](http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch) or [www.irm-trier.de](http://www.irm-trier.de) and indicate there whether you can present and discuss in both the conference languages or only in one.

**Proposal submission deadline:**

**30 December 2013**

**Notification on proposals by:**

**10 February 2014**

**Submission of proposal:**

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Conference languages: German and English

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