

Call for Papers on the conference theme ‘Mapping the Nation’ and on the open call on contemporary challenges in the context of migration

19th International Migration Conference

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The International Migration Conference will center on the topic “Mapping the Nation.” The Conference will also offer participants the possibility in an Open Section to submit suggestions for topics and issues relating to social-political and scientific challenges springing from the complex of migration.

CFP Conference Theme “Mapping the Nation”

The structure of the body politic of modern societies as nation-states and the dynamic, in part also contradictory processes of globalization are central factors decisively shaping the phenomena of migration. On the one hand, there is the nation-state with its basic legal frameworks on migration policy, especially in the spheres of labor migration, reunification of families, granting asylum; and on the other, there are the processes of internationalization, such as in connection with supra-national organizations, for example the EU, and developments in the worldwide, international labor markets, including the control of migration movements, for example via a policy of recruitment of needed professionals. This is compounded by the factor of forced migration, refugees fleeing from wars and conflicts continuing across the world, in particular so-called ‘low intensity conflicts,’ such as in Eritrea or the Sudan. The options available to nation-states, the destinations of forced migration, are limited, to the extent they are constrained to take individual action when it comes to managing and controlling these migratory movements and human flows. A final salient aspect are the short- and long-term mobility movements in the context of education and professional career trajectories, which are likewise a consequence of the internationalization of labor markets and supra-national mergers and consortia, even if as a rule they are not classified under the rubric of ‘migration’ proper, and their control and management, for example via corresponding support programs, is not deemed to be problematic.

Thus, the hallmark of modern societies shaped by migration and mobility is undergoing continuing and lasting change, dependent on international developments, and can be managed and controlled only in a limited way at the scale of the individual nation-state. That process is strengthened and accelerated by digitalization, which now permeates all spheres, and the concomitant changes in how production and the economy are structured and operate. As a consequence, established forms of social, cultural and political structuring of societies constituted as nation-state polities are being called into question and challenged. While on one hand solutions are energetically sought, such as through the intensification of international exchange and the heightened degree of cooperation in supra-national and international consortia and organizations, on the other, we note that counter-movements have been strengthened. Such counter-movements are oriented to traditionally imagined, nationally demarcated and limited designs for society; they propagate a re-nationalization associated with rigorous restrictions on immigration insofar as what is concerned is 'our country' as a potential migrant destination. They hold out the supposed promise of restoration of the nation and nation-state as a genuine possibility. Such a restoration, they contend, can offer protection from undesirable immigration, including the influx of individuals from certain specific member-states of the EU (so-called 'poverty migration') and of refugees according to the agreed-upon EU distribution key.

This then in brief on the topic of the 19th International Migration Conference "Mapping the Nation" and the overall frame for the papers anticipated for this segment of the conference. Under the rubric "Mapping the Nation," we are looking for research paper presentations that seek to shed new light on the process of the cultural, social and economic conditions under which the nation and nation-state are constructed (anew) and reproduced in the context of migration. We also look forward to submission of studies on the contribution and significance of migration processes in procedures of *mapping*, i.e. cartographic map-making processes that are interlinked with activities of giving form to nations, drawing and shaping them. Focus should be on the following questions: What connections and challenges exist between nation-state/ nation and migration? What current developments of nation-state/ nation and migration are emerging in the face of the processes of internationalization? How do conflicts and wars impact on the connections between nation/ nation-state /internationalization? What are the reactions within nation-state/ nation to different migration movements? What significance do right-wing populist movements have in connection with processes of the (re-)nationalization of nation-states? What counter-movements are emerging, and what connections can be made to the complex of migration and associated policies?

CFP Open Section: Contemporary Challenges in the Context of Migration

In the Open Section of the International Migration Conference 2019, it is envisaged that current challenges in the context of migration will be presented and discussed. Of especial interest are topical foci connected with questions regarding education, marginalization and communication in migration processes. The focus can be both on migrants and on questions connected with the (new) minorities. Presentations based on current, international and internal-comparative research are welcome, particularly from the Global South, as well as theoretical papers and presentations drawn from current empirical studies recently concluded.

Include your presentation under one of the following key sub-topical areas (please indicate which area in your proposal):

Key Sub-topical Areas on the Conference Theme: Mapping the Nation

1. Theoretical connections between migration and nation, also historical and international-comparative papers
2. Nation/nation-state and mode(s) of belonging
3. Processes of internationalization and (re-)nationalizing in the context of migration
4. Forms of the (re-)nationalizing of the social and migration
5. Right-wing populist currents and migration (policies)
6. National specific features of migration and migration movements
7. Media stagings and representations of the nation and migration

Sub-Topical Areas for the Open Section/CFP: Current Challenges

8. Education and participation
9. Marginalization
10. Communication and intercultural opening
11. Cultures of memory

Submission and Format of the Proposal

1. Potential presenters are requested to submit a proposal of max. 300 words, including presentation title, short bio and contact address (Email, telephone and postal address).
2. Please indicate the sub-topic under which your presentation proposal should best be classified in terms of the above areas 1 – 7 or 8 – 11.

3. Submission of the proposal online: please use the form available at <https://express.converia.de/frontend/index.php?sub=298> or go to “Call for Papers” at: www.migrationskonferenz.ch and use the link there.
4. Please indicate whether you are presenting and discussing in only one of the two conference languages (German and English) and which – or whether you would like to present and discuss in both.
5. The submitted proposals will be peer-reviewed.

Deadlines

Proposal submission deadline:	10 January 2019
Notification to applicants on their proposals:	1 March 2019
Conference languages:	German and English
For general information, please consult:	www.migrationskonferenz.ch

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