



FWO Closing Conference ‘Migration at Work: Opportunities, Imaginaries & Structures of Mobility’

19 & 20th of April 2018

Contemporary migration research often revolves around one particular aspect of migratory processes, such as the movement of a particular group of people, the core motives to migrate, the expectations of migrants prior to, whilst or after migrating, or issues surrounding the integration in receiving societies. This international conference aims to stimulate an interdisciplinary discussion on a more encompassing perspective to labour migration by approaching the phenomenon from different points of view, with a special focus on internal as well as international labour mobility. Migration is one of the driving forces in labour mobility, but the willingness to migrate in search of employment is in itself not enough to compel anyone to move. Other processes related to the existence (or lack) of opportunities in both sending and receiving countries and regions, the imaginaries one has of life as a migrant, and the many different rules and regulations that hinder, facilitate or even stimulate (cross-border) movement are all of great importance in the decision-making process of (possible) migrants. However, the dynamics of labour mobility are not solely dependent on workers’ readiness to migrate. They are also heavily influenced by the opportunities perceived and the imaginaries held by both employers and regulating authorities in relation to migrant labour. It is thus of great importance to approach migration and labour mobility from a more encompassing and wider perspective.

Location

University of Antwerp – Stadscampus
Hof van Liere
Prinsstraat 13
2000 Antwerp
Belgium

Programme

Thursday 19th of April

- 8.30-9.00 Welcome coffee and registration
- 9.00-9.30 Conference opening by Prof. dr. Christiane Timmerman and Prof. dr. Noel Salazar - F. de Tassiszaal
- 9.30-10.30 **Keynote:** *“How do you drink your coffee? On challenges of studying culture and social class in transnational space”* by Prof. dr. Magdalena Nowicka, F. de Tassiszaal
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30 Session 1 – F. de Tassiszaal**
Mobility and labour market regimes
Chair: dr. Fiona Seiger
- Herwig Verschueren - *Regulating posting of workers within the European Union: combating social dumping or protectionism?*
 - Iraklis Dimitriadis - *Onward migration from Greece and Italy post-2008: considerations about future mobility and lived experiences of secondary migrations of Albanian construction workers*
 - Ninke Mussche and Dries Lens - *The CJEU’s construction of an EU mobility regime - How posting of Third Country Nationals surpasses national labour migration*
 - Joana Sousa Ribeiro – *‘Overstayed and Overqualified’ Migrants: Regulation Regimes versus Emancipation Structures’*
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.00 Session 2 – F. de Tassiszaal**
Intra-European mobility
Chair: Prof. dr. Noel Salazar
- Anna Matyska - *Posted work and Polish sociocultural landscape of transnational subcontracting: from the Cold War to the European Union era*
 - Mirjam Wajsberg - *“I am not moving life, but life moves me.” Exploring experiences of onward mobility among West African migrants in the EU*
 - Lisa Berntsen - *The right to rights in the workplace: Legal consciousness among migrants in regulated and unregulated workplaces*
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30 17.00 Session 3 – F. de Tassiszaal

Translocal migration and internal mobility

Chair: dr. Fiona Seiger

- Carwyn Morris - *Forced mobility in the Beijing food industry: Governmental spatial power and migrant resistance*
- Luana Gama Gato - *Imagining the place and imagining the migrant: how imaginaries of 'the Northeast' shape the perception of nordestino migrants in Rio*
- Polina Manolova - *The dark side of the 'imaginary West' - the despair and (self-) deception of Bulgarian migrants to the UK*

15.30-17.00 Session 4 - W. Elsschotzaal

Refugees and migrant workers: labour market access & opportunities

Chair: Prof. dr. Christiane Timmerman

- Micheline van Riemsdijk - *The Valuation of Professional Qualifications and Skills of Highly Skilled Refugees*
- Deniz Berfin Ayaydin - *Found a nanny and lived happily ever after: The discursive construction of Filipina domestic workers in Turkey*

17.00-18.00 Reception

Friday 20th of April

8.30-9.00 Welcome coffee and registration

9.00-10.00 **Keynote** "Brexit as an event of rupture in young EU migrants' plans for the future" by Prof. dr. Russell King, F. de Tassiszaal

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-12.00 Session 5 – F. de Tassiszaal

Imaginaries and mobility experiences of (children of) migrants & transnationalism

Chair: dr. Milena Belloni

- Thomas Chambers - *Continuity in Mind: Imagination and Migration in India & the Gulf*
- Christine Moderbacher – *What lies ahead! Imagining the Future in an uncertain Present*
- Ana Saraiva - *Portuguese in transit: Financial crisis, labor mobility and social transformations*

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 Session 6 – F. de Tassiszaal

Labour migration and labour market policies

Chair: Prof. dr. Johan Wets

- Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir and Anna Wojtyńska - *Flexibility, precariousness and migrant workers*
- Monika Szulecka - *Who benefits? Implications of Poland's policy on admission of foreign temporary workers*
- Kamil Matuszczyk - *Labour market security and labour migration – support from formal institutions for Poles in United Kingdom and Germany and for Ukrainians in Poland*

13.00-14.30 Session 7 – W. Elsschotzaal

(High-)skilled international mobility

Chair: Luana Gama Gato

- Keiu Telve - *Following the Father's Lead: Network Work Migration of Estonian Men to Finland*
- John McManus - *Brokering Dreams: African footballers, hospitality and the sports business in Istanbul*
- Aldina Camenisch and Brigitte Suter - *European migrant professionals in Mainland China: A Typology of a Diversified Economic Integration in Chinese Global Cities*

14.30-15.30 Closing panel: “Opportunities, Imaginaries and Structures of Mobility” with Prof. dr. Noel Salazar, Prof. dr. Johan Wets, Prof. dr. German Calfat and dr. Sara Salomone, F. de Tassiszaal



Keynote Speakers

Prof. dr. Magdalena Nowicka

Magdalena Nowicka is Professor for Migration and Transnationalism at the Humboldt University in Berlin where, until recently, she led the project TRANSFORMIG funded by the European Research Council. She holds a doctoral degree in Sociology from the Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich (2005), a Master of Arts degree in Cultural Studies from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland (2001) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Warsaw, Poland (1999). She worked previously at the Institute of Sociology at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich (2006-2013) and Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen (2010-2013). Her research interests include migration, transnationalism, conviviality, qualitative research methods, diversity and social inequality. Among her recent publications is *Migration and Social Remittances in a Global Europe*, co-edited with Vojin Šerbedžija (Palgrave 2016).

Prof. dr. Russell King

Russell King is Professor of Geography at the University of Sussex, and former Director of the Sussex Centre for Migration Research. Between 2001 and 2013 he was the editor of the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Following his early interests in land tenure and agricultural geography, deriving from his PhD on the land reform of Southern Italy, Russell's research interests shifted to the study of migration, which he has been researching now for 40 years. He has directed major research projects on return migration to Southern Italy (funded by ESRC), Irish migration (Trinity Trust and the Bank of Ireland), British retirement migration to the Mediterranean (ESRC), Albanian migration (Leverhulme Trust), international student migration (HEFCE), second-generation return migration to Greece and Cyprus (AHRC) and New European Youth Mobilities (the EU Horizon 2020 'YMOBILITY' project). He also headed the Sussex involvement in the EU Framework Six Network of Excellence on 'International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe' (IMISCOE), which is still ongoing as Europe's major forum for migration research. His main regional interests are in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean, but he has also researched migration, as a global phenomenon, in other parts of the world. He is a strong believer in the value of collaborative, comparative and interdisciplinary research, and in the integration of qualitative and quantitative methods.