

International Summer School

"Selected Concepts of Comparison and Methods of Empirical Migration Research"

29. 09. – 03. 10. 2008

Objectives:

This summer school provides insights into the state of the art of empirical migration research. Renowned specialists in their fields introduce selected quantitative as well as qualitative research methods and situate them in the context of current research approaches. Additionally, methods are treated and discussed in more detail in small working groups. Overall, the program offers advanced M.A.- and Ph.D. students the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects in a professional environment of scholars and experts.

Program:

The first day is dedicated to five keynote speakers who present current research questions and compare various (migration) research approaches and their methodological implications. Participants will have the chance to discuss with the experts in small working groups throughout the day as well as during the conference dinner on Monday night.

During the second and third day four workshops (two parallel at a time) on qualitative and quantitative methods with regard to the study of migration will be held, including the analysis of migration regimes, migrant organizations, and migrants' biographies and life courses. Participants may choose two out of the four workshops.

On the fourth day each participant will have the chance to present his or her research design either in a plenary session or in small thematic working groups and is invited to make comments on the research outlines/designs of the other participants.

The fifth day is an optional day, which could (according to participants' interests) include a cultural visiting program in cooperation with local or regional migrant organizations.

Application Process:

Please submit an abstract of 300 words and a short letter of motivation until 30 June 2008 to the following address: Tülay Tuncer-Zengingül <tuelay.zenginguel@rub.de>.

Additionally, the two preferred workshops should be indicated.

The language of the international summer school will be English.

No conference fee is raised. We are sorry to announce, that neither travel nor lodging reimbursements can be given. Information regarding accommodation options and conference details are available on our website at http://www.rub.de/soaps/iss.

The Summer School is organized jointly between the Faculty of Social Science/Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Prof. Dr. L. Pries), the Department of Social Sciences/Universität Duisburg-Essen (Prof. Dr. A. Weiß) and the Research School of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (PhD candidate M.A. Kerstin Rosenow).





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Monday 29 th	State of the art reports on concepts of international and transnat comparison for migration research	
	(keynote speakers and small discussion groups)	
	Pitfalls and Opportunities of International Comparison (Karen Shire/Duisburg)	
	Comparative Studies in the EU (Bernhard Ebbinghaus/Mannheim)	
	International Comparison or Transnational Studies? (Ludger Pries/Bochum)	
	National and/or cosmopolitan attitudes (Steffen Mau/Bremen)	
	Migration and the nation state (Michael Bommes/Osnabrück)	
	Conference Dinner	
Tuesday 30 th	2 workshops: participants can choose 1 workshop	
	1a	1b
	(National) migration regimes and (international) migration systems	Migrants' trajectories and life-course analysis
	Michael Bommes/Osnabrück	Götz Rohwer/Ulrich Pötter/Bochum
	Barbara Laubenthal/Bochum	Dawid Bekarlarczyk/Duisburg
Wednesday 1 st	2 workshops: participants can choose 1 workshop	
	2a	2b
	Measuring migrants' organization structures and environments	Migrants' biographies and the analysis of status passages
	Anja van Heelsum/Amsterdam	Anja Weiß/Duisburg-Essen
	Zeynep Sezgin/Dirk Halm/Bochum- Essen	Roswitha Breckner (Vienna) tbc
Thursday 2 nd	Presentation and discussion of individual research projects	
Friday 3 rd	Optional Day: Visiting cultural program and interviews with migrant organisations in the Ruhr area	