

Call for Papers

Sociologists with “Fluchterfahrung” wanted: Concepts and insights from the past and their relevance for today and tomorrow

Session of the Section „Migration and ethnic minorities“ at the
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Following the influx of several hundred thousand refugees to Germany in 2015 and 2016, there was a revival of interest in research on refugee migration within sociology. This renewed interest was already visible at the DGS Congress in Bamberg 2016 and we expect the topic to be on the agenda as well in Göttingen 2018. As the Section Migration and ethnic minorities, we welcome this increased interest in ‘our topics’. At the same time, however, we also see our responsibility to remember that neither the phenomenon in itself nor the research topic is new. We therefore want to make visible in our session those (research) experiences dating back more than two or three years. The aim of the session is to discuss which concepts and insights are relevant for younger and/or newly interested researchers.

We are therefore looking for sociologists with “Fluchterfahrung”, from whom we can learn for our current and future research.

We thereby refer to ‘Fluchterfahrung’ in the literal as well as wider sense. For one, we are looking for sociologists who had to leave their country and who want to share their experiences with other participants, ideally framed in a social-theoretical or auto-ethnographic way. Moreover, we are looking for social scientists, who have dealt with the issue of refugee migration before 2015. We are also interested in research that has been carried out a long(er) time ago. Apart from refugee migration to Germany or the EU, we are interested in refugee movements in other regions of the world as well. It is thereby important to point out why the concepts and insights are relevant for today’s and tomorrow’s researchers in this area.

Please send your proposal in German or English, together with a short biography (if relevant) until April 15, 2018 to the organizers via email: ilka.sommer@gmail.com and barwick@cmb.hu-berlin.de.

The abstract should not be longer than 300 words.

We will send notifications within the first week of May.