LOCATION AND DATE

The Conference will take place on 2-3 March 2017 at

Erbacher Hof Akademie & Tagungszentrum des Bistums Mainz Grebenstraße 24–26 55116 Mainz (Germany)

Directions to the conference venue can be downloaded here: http://transsos.com/

FINAL PROGRAMME

Transnationalism has become a useful lens for investigating processes of migration, mobility and social support. In recent years, efforts have been made to broaden the concept encouraging an examination of these issues from multiple and interdisciplinary points of view. The conference presents varied insights emerging from interdisciplinary empirical research and theoretical perspectives on mobility, migration and in particular social support in transnational contexts.

PARTICIPATION

Please register by **10.02.2017** via email: **rtg@transsos.com**

The registration fee is €50 (€25 for students) and includes dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday, and drinks. Much to our regret, we will not be able to fund travel costs or accommodation.

For further information and registration details, please contact: **rtg@transsos.com** (Verena Neebe).

ORGANISATION

Research Training Group "Transnational Social Support", financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) and located at the University of Hildesheim Foundation and University of Mainz.

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THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH 2017

12.30 - 01.00 p.m. Registration

01.00 - 01.30 p.m. Welcome and Opening

Mechthild Dreyer (Vicepresident, U of Mainz)

Gregor Daschmann (Dean of the Faculty Social Sciences, Media and Sports, U of Mainz) tbc

Matthias Witte (Director Institut of Education, U of Mainz)

Wolfgang Schröer (U of Hildesheim) & Cornelia Schweppe (U of Mainz) (Directors of the RTG Transnational Social Support)

01.30 - 02.30 p.m. Keynote

Anna Korteweg (U of Toronto):

The Failures of "Immigrant Integration": The Racialized Gendered Production of Non-Belonging

02.30 - 03.00 p.m. Coffee Break

03.00 - 05.00 p.m. PANEL 1

Digital Nomads, Couchsurfers and Transnational Couples: Constructions of Social Encounters and Relationships in a Mobile Context

A role play with theoretical input: "Encounter above the Clouds"

Discussion groups:

Michaela Benson (Goldsmiths U of London), Annika Müller (U of Mainz) and Maria Schube (U of Hildesheim):

Constructions of Identity in the Context of Digital Nomadism and Marriage Migration

Ramiro Segura (UNSAM Buenos Aires) and Agnetha Bartels (U of Hildesheim): Reflections on Transnational Urban Spaces: Mobility, Communitization and Cosmopolitanism

05.00 - 05.15 p.m. Coffee Break

05.15 - 06.45 p.m. Cultural Event

Exhibition by panel participants

Performance by "Künstlerduo Schmitt&Schulz", Performance Art Depot, Mainz

08.00 p.m. Get-Together

09.00 - 10.30 a.m. PANEL 2

Discourse Perspectives on NGOs: Interventions in and Representations of Africa

Aram Ziai (U of Kassel):

Discourse Analysis of "Development": Postcolonial Perspectives

Alia Herz-Jakoby (U of Hildesheim):

"Africa" in the Visual Discourse of Development Organisations

Fanny Petermann (U of Hildesheim):

The Illness Discourse in the Context of Interventions in African Countries

Moderator: Lucia Artner (U of Hildesheim)

10.30 - 11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30 p.m. PANEL 3

Higher Education, Labour Markets and Care in Contexts of Migration

Sonja Klaus (U of Hildesheim):

Perspectives on Biographical Constructions of Refugees in Higher Education in Germany

Hannes Schammann (U of Hildesheim):

Current Developments in German Refugee Policies in the Fields of Education and the Labour Market

Stefanie Visel (U of Hildesheim):

Organizational Practices in the Recognition of Foreign Credentials: the Example of Nursing and Care

Suzan Yazici (Akdeniz U Antalya):

Aging, Health and Migration in the Eyes of Turkish Immigrants Living in Denmark

Moderator: Gunther Graßhoff (U of Hildesheim)

12.30 - 01.30 p.m. Lunch Break

01.30 - 03.30 p.m. PANEL 4

Bodies in Virtual and Physical Spaces of (Non-)Copresence

Lisa Albrecht (U of Mainz):

Presence in the Making: Intimate Relationships at a Distance

Eveline Reisenauer (U of Hildesheim):

Transnationality in Migrant Families

Britta Buschmann (U of Mainz):

Positioning Bodies in Transnational Adoption

Claudia Olivier-Mensah (U of Mainz):

The Transnationalism-Return Nexus

Performative Lecture: **Jeremy Bailey** (Toronto):

Transnationality. Mediality. Corporeality

Discussant: Anastasia Christou (Middlesex U London):

Embodiment and Belonging

Moderator & Commentator: Ruba Totah (U of Mainz):

Body and Performance

03.30 - 04.00 a.m. Coffee Break

04.00 - 06.00 p.m. PANEL 5

Forms and Dynamics of Informal Social Support in Transnational Contexts/Settings

Tolgonai Kozhoeva (U of Hildesheim):

Toi as a Social Support Practice Among Kyrgyz Migrants and Their Families in a Transnational Context

Kusuma Haklin (U of Mainz):

Understanding Thai Migrant Wives in Germany in Terms of Family Remittance in a Cultural Context

Edward Omeni (U of Mainz):

The Meaning of Violence: Appraisal and Coping of International Students in Poland

Ángela M. Beltrán Hernández (U of Hildesheim): Individual and Social Constructions of Victims of War

Discussants:

Philipp Schröder (Humboldt U of Berlin)
Emil Nasritdinov (American U of Central Asia, Bishkek)
Wolfgang Schröer (U of Hildesheim)
Cornelia Schweppe (U of Mainz)
Gunther Graßhoff (U of Hildesheim)

Moderators: Edward Omeni and Tolgonai Kozhoeva

06.00 - 06.30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Elisabeth Tuider (U of Kassel) tbc **Stephan Wolff** (U of Hildesheim)