Migration as a Global Challenge
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From 21 to 23 June 2018 the Centre for Global Migration Studies (CeMig) hosted its opening conference “Migration as a Global Challenge: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Complex Field”.

As a global challenge, migration is a complex field. From the contributions to this conference, it is clear that a number of different aspects of migration require further academic study. These areas include the material dimensions of places and objects; immaterial dimensions such as discourses, imaginations and anticipations, and the regimes of governance; as well as actors, activities, acts and events, goals, emotions and agency.

Migration takes on many forms (internal and international movement), has multiple causes, trajectories and directions, and involves numerous collective and single actors. Moreover, it takes place at different levels (micro, medium and macro) and is intricately intertwined with multiple factors that mutually influence one another.

Migration has to be researched in connection with multiple topics – one of which is law (which again has to be seen on multiple levels). Moreover, as it affects different regions, the study of migration requires transregional and transnational perspectives. As such, migration is ideally studied from a multidisciplinary perspective in which different theories are brought to and discussed at the table, and it requires the application of a range of different research methods.

The conference participants made a number of recommendations as to their own responsibilities, and to the role of politicians and practitioners. These included the following: that there should be a right not to have to migrate, but that if people opt to or are forced to migrate, it is of utmost importance that academics “stir the pot”, pursue a holistic approach, and create and promote a discourse on empathy and the obligation to protect migrants. In any case, we have to consider that migration needs careful planning and the sharing of responsibilities on the part of all actors involved as well as their willingness to engage in dialogue.

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Since 2015, migration highly presented in the media. Topic will not go away → topic for generations.

35th Centre of the University of Göttingen. 1st interdisciplinary scientific move.

Big number 68,000,000 on the move this year.

Cooking for solutions.

One highlight roundtables 40 speakers.

One focus: learn from each other.

Speaker share their international perspective.
CeMiG founded with a global perspective for broad ideas instead of a national view.

CeMiG is well chosen as the start point and is already well equipped.

Already a good network of partner transnational universities.

Research already established projects, e.g., migration, climate change.

Individual scholars from disciplines like agricultural sciences, law, humanities, social sciences, theology, business, and economics.

Projects include labour market migration and climate change.
The Situation: The times are changing, and there is a change in the political landscape.

Networks are needed to be more and stronger. Networks will be a success because of institutional stability and strong structures.

Migration does not only create integration but conflict. The more we know about migration, the more complexity is found in the topic.

For a long time, only research institutes put things into practice. Now, we need to think about it in the future with many options and opportunities, e.g., Master programs in migration studies.

GLOBAL perspective is needed. Already a remarkable local competence capacity.

Göttingen gives birth to Cemig, a strong knot in the network.
Experts from all over the world meet in Göttingen

Celebrate the CeMiG Foundation

Global phenomenon

Migration

Interdisciplinary issue

Situation right now

Political solutions highly controversial

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Editors of new formats inviting semi-scholars on the move

People still a rising topic
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Stream 1 Panel B Human Rights as the "Copernican Revolution" in the Regulation of Migration?

- Fundamental Problems
  - How to define democracy & freedom
  - Fundamental Dilemma
    - National Law
    - Rights of Migrants
    - Human Rights
  - In Several Countries...few for Migrants, many for Refugees
  - Migrants
    - No - Contribution to the right decisions
    - No - Political relevance
    - No - Voice
  - Family Reunion
  - Family Life

- Human rights do not require Open Borders?
  - State Sovereignty - Claim
  - Right to Leave
  - Right to Enter
  - Right of Expulsion
    - Has to take into consideration eg
      - Time from the moment of proposal
      - Time staying in the country
      - Nationality
      - Family situation eg: how long married
      - Children (age)
      - Host country

- Global Democratic World
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Grop
  - Osnabrück University

- Special interest
  - Protection of Children & Family Life
  - Positive duty to protect people

- Good Example
  - Canada
  - XX Century inner Law conflicts
  - Protection of children & family life
  - Family Reunion
Stream 1 Panel B  Human Rights as the “Copernican Revolution” in the Regulation of Migration?

Distant claimants: LAW, POLITICS & THE CONDITIONS OF CO-PRESENCE

Hannah ARENDT

The RIGHT to have RIGHTS

Search for protection

European Convention on Human rights

11 remains an open task on uncomplete endeavour
12 court proceedings become a place where the dilemma becomes visible.

DR. Dana Schmalz
MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Jacques RANCÉRE

Idea in MIND

LEGAL PROBLEMS

Theoretical Puzzle

of COSMOPOLITAN

How can Co-PRESENCE be negotiated?

How do they take place?

How can they be seen?

Political Process of building 9.
Stream 1 Panel B  Human Rights as the "Copenhagen Revolution"

Immigration law and the right to a fair trial under the European Convention on human rights.

Fair Trial
- Right to be heard
- Equality of arms
- Prohibition of arbitrariness

Access to effective remedies

Political systems
The situation in many countries is getting bad!

A lot of negative examples from the daily life of a lawyer
- "He is able to fly!"
- No translator
- German English vs. French
- Psychologist?
- How can he treat him? What no communication?

Civil rights are restricted by national law.
Human rights are given and taken by politics.

Pick up the new situation!
STREAM 2 / PANEL A  Migration, Climate Change and Belonging

**Migration & Climate Change**

**Introduction**

PROF DR Elfriede Hermann & DR Carola Klock

The idea of climate change has an impact on migration.

**Global** political history society aspects

**Migration** roots directions

Belonging emotional topic

**Rise of sea levels**

Migrants & those who remain
STREAM 2 / PANEL A  Migration, Climate Change and Belonging

Forced community relocation: BEYOND MATERIAL SECURITY

PROF. DR. John Campbell
UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

GOOD examples
SHOULD become
GUIDELINES
HOW TO DEAL

LONG-TERM APPROACH
⇒ Bring the communities together
⇒ Learn from each other

Start planning
BEFORE
AFTER

CULTURE
Land
Aloha Ego
for the person

Deep Meaning
"Placenta"
Belongs to the
Next Generation
Can not
Be given away

The Land is
An Extension of
The Self

Land
"ahi ka"
Keep the home fire
burning

Emotional Geography

Development
Loss
Material & Non-Material
Population
Loss of Population
2016...2050
E.g. Coastal Communities
387,000 → 580,000

Life Support System
Support
Land - Security
Habitat
Ontological Security

Forced Relocation e.g. Rise of Sea Levels
The Ocean is Their Supermarket

Freshwater
The Important Resource

Pacific
PNG Highlands
Deltas
Coastal Area
River Flood Plain
Atolls
Hot Spots

Induced Loss
Induction
STREAM 2 / PANEL A  Migration, Climate Change and Belonging

MINORITY SAYS: Climate Change is a lie!

ELDERLY: That influence younger not fundamentalists, but they take the Christian Religion more seriously.

No flood will come to Noah!

Clouds God promised.

Cultural construction of future & land

Conspirational theory: "They want to relocate us, because they want to get access to our resources."

Don't forget to take theology into the research.

Climate Change Migration + Christian Religion in Oceania

DR. Wolfgang Kempf, University of Göttingen

Migrants the creation of promised land.

New Zealand

The expert's guide to Climate Change

Tip: Movie Atlantis approaching.

Catchword purification

Bible
STREAM 3: Migrating Spaces - Science - Language(s) - Education

PANEL A Linguistic Diversity & Education

PROF. DR. Andrea Bogner & Barbara Sengel M.A.

HOW DO WE NAME THE PHENOMENON?

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE POLITICAL DEBATE?

HOW DO WE HANDLE THE WORDS
STREAM 3: Migrating Spaces - Science - Language(s) - Education

INTERNATIONAL: Canada, USA, Greece, Germany

Comparative Research Project

80 Interviews
- Minority teachers
- Migrant background teacher

“Q”

Monolingual Schools System

Research is Missing

Migration

Multi-lingual Teachers

Measure: Homogenization

What is the institutional strategy?

Doubts

BAD influence on learning German?

Mother language Banned

Classroom Rules

One set up & broken

Preparatory Class + Auffang-Klasse

Inclusive School & Teacher

Special Classes for Newcomer

AIM:

Field Research

Not content from school
STREAM 3: Migrating Spaces - Science - Language(s) - Education

Prof. Dr. Christine Helot
University of Strasbourg

The education of newly arrived migrant children in France: from Erasure to Empowerment!

Approaching a school is not that easy

Setting

1 Class

30 Students

20 Languages

Resilience

Children find resources for discrimination

Swim or sink in mainstream class

Fake news, wrong numbers, but

Real numbers

8.3% immigrants

8% Muslims

5.8% foreigner

Good example

18 year old student

"I want to study business. Why?"

"Because I speak 5 languages"

Attention

Disrespect can lead to brain drain!

Education of Educators

Migration must be included!

Resilience

Children find resources for discrimination

Working on all models and see which ones are the most effective ones:

Othering label

Be aware of

Rethink language and didactics

Glotophobes

Nicknamed to card sharks

"You have to talk French to your baby!"

Schools are bastions of monolingualism

The newly arrived lost already home, social structure, normal daily life

Why lose their language on top of it all??

Identity texts

Photo voice

2 Models

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2 Models
STREAM 4 / PANELB Decentralising the European Refugee Crisis
State and Regional Responses to Refugee Flows

40 YEARS OF

THAILAND

POLITICS WANT TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITIES

NO COMPARABLE SITUATION ELSEWHERE!

HOW DO THEY MANAGE TO ADMINISTRATE THEMSELVES?

CAMPS

1st CAMPS
ESTABLISHED BY SMALL NGOs

PROBLEM

MANY SMALL NGOs

INSTEAD OF ONE BIG NGO

NOT COMFORTABLE SAFELY!

TORTURE RAPES

DIPLOMA DEPRESSION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MONTHLY REPORTS

COMMUNICATION

TRANSPARENT

COMMUNICATION

RESPECT

EACH OTHER

RULES & STRUCTURES

WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT BASIS FOR IT ALL!

1984

10,000 REFUGEES

BACK HOME AFTER 3 MONTHS!

NOT BACK REALITY

THAILAND

1994

80,000 REFUGEES

COMBO

LAC MAYS

AIM

FOOD & DAILY LIFE

ROLE MODELS

MONEY PAID ADMINISTRators WORKERS

MORE HELP FOR REFUGEES THAN INHABITANTS

FIGHT FOR THE FOLK AS NOT FOR THE MONEY

TRUST

CAMPs UNDER UMBRELLA
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Only international cooperation can build a migration governance that fits all.

**Governance & Migration**

- Change of Situation
  - Protect Strain Refugees
  - Protect Europe from Refugees

- Common European Asylum System
  - Return Programs
    - If it is not sending them back to danger
  - Securing Borders
  - Vulnerability

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- Western Countries Prefer?
  - Do Christian Syrians?
  - More successful visas
  - Syrian NGOs Supporting
  - Lebanon Syria Neighbors
  - Arab Jordan

- Refugees Welcome?
  - Generosity, hospitality, and assistance
  - Due to honor
  - Guest, refugee to refugee

- Safe Zones
  - Only work with air cover + active protection

- Fragmentation
  - You don't know what it says

- Legal Framework
  - 2016
  - International Law
  - European Law

- Regional Responses to Displaced Syrians
  - Rights but responsibility

-Constant Change
  - Focus
  - Legal Situation Unclear

- Focus
  - Different
  - Benefits
  - Equality
  - Human Rights

- National Law
  - Local Level Guidance from Ministers

- History
  - Has a long history

- Toil with Right System
  - Obligation based system

- Support
  - Traditionally based

- Bosnia: 107%
obligation
- 23.62%50+ year
- Forces (Refugees)
- Local forms, local forms
- First line with right system

- Dr. Constantin Bucha, MPI for Social Law & Social Policy

- Prof. Dawn Chatty, Refugee Studies Centre

- Tania Wehr © Sketchnotelovers
Steam 5/PANELC Global Circulation of Knowledge, Skills and People
Labor, work and migration in Europe
BETWEEN SEGREGATION AND PARTICIPATION

3 TENDENCIES
- closing borders
- citizenship
- welfare cuts

CASE STUDY
MEAT IN GERMANY
Felix Bluhm
Sociologist
Research Centre
Göttingen

RESEARCH
FRAGMENTATION
MIGRATION AS FORCE

LABOR
HOUSING
MOBILITY

Housing

BAD PAID
 Minimum Wage
2 €→7.50 €

Work more than you’re paid for

INTERVIEWS

3 DIMENSIONS
- Common practice
- Employment
- Minimum wage

- Citizenship
- Residence
- Quality of work

CONFLICTS
REAL CONTRACT
LEAVE
- SECTOR
- COUNTRY

Homelessness
High Risk
Stream 5/PANEL C Global Circulation of Knowledge, Skills and People

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London

Transnational Exit

Bottom up

Political dimension relationship with the country

Multinational Worker

Moving

Russia

2009-2013

Project

Rural Moldova

Urban Moscow

Research on Europe migration pattern

Tajiks + Kirgiz

Work as slaves

Contracts

Russian

No personal contact

Multi national consciousness

⇒ Reject home country nationalism
⇒ Common Status
⇒ Household mobility
⇒ Geographic outlook
Beyond the Common View
Stream 5/PANEL C Global Circulation of Knowledge, Skills and People

Focus: India

International Migration

Rohan Mathews, Centre for modern Indian Studies, University of Götingen

Life History

Higher Social Level

Urbanisation dynamic

Push out of the city

Housing

No help from employer to find housing

Mumbai City

Mira-Bhayander

Daily Basis

Labour Market

Social relations

Rice Harvest

Work back to the rural area

Construction

Circulatory movement of workers

Linked to agricultural needs and calendar

There are "regulations" in informal labour market

High Employer does not take responsibility

The Building and Other Construction Workers Act 1996

Welfare 1996

State Labor Board Model of Workers

Employee Beneficiary
How is Religion involved in Conflicts?

Heated debate

Religious fragmentation

Exploitation of Fragmentation

New Settings will bring new Narratives

Collective Identity

Religious Conflicts come in the refugees' luggage

Key Message:

- Not about Good/Bad
- How do people use it for their interests?

Be aware of

- Social Exclusion
- Stereotypes

Peter Stevens: Sociologists don't give answers to questions like: Is Islam a good religion or not?

There is variety

Focus on minorities in other societies!

Key Message:

- Not only a category
- Different dimension

1st generation see themselves as refugees

Idea of Paradise

A place of refuge
Negotiating migration related religious diversity in urban participatory governance

Religion as a category of difference

Urban context

3 cities: Reunies, Bordeaux, Toulouse

Fieldwork: 18 months

Governance of & through religion

How is religion used in public?

Political resource

Political of religious mainstream and minorities

e.g. in France Islam is not taught

Policies on a city/urban level

Interesting to link it to schools

Who are the actors?

Policies implementation on different levels by key actors

Interactions & links:

Multidimensional power composition impact purpose

Differents

Actors

Rational

Outcomes
Concluding remarks
From an external view
Tanja Wehr

Start planning & acting NOW

Create a good future
The whole world has to take responsibility

Great open atmosphere

Be like a start-up
Be like Finland

Tear down Faculty Walls

Tip 1: Short Spot
Patrick Stewart

What has the European Convention on Human Rights ever done for us?

Tip 2: Pulitzer Price Nominee
Sven Beckert
The Empire of Cotton

Cemig
One fits all?

No!

Coexistence & Co-creation
Little Feedback

Highly Diverse Topic

Empathy is important

No reason to fear

Scientists ↔ Refugees

Dimensions of material

We have to sharpen our instruments

Move facts forward

More →

Open approach

Boat People Project

Music

Migration has a lot of levels + faces

Already established a strong network

Dialogue important

Share responsibility

I learned a lot and pieces grow to a larger picture
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