

International Conference

Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography and Ethnography

Center of Methods in Social Sciences

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- TransCoop project »Biography and Ethnicity«
- Research Committee 38 »Biography and Society« of the International Sociological Association
- Committee Biographical Research in the German Sociological Association

December 7th -9th, 2007 | Goettingen | Germany

Waldweg 26 | 37075 Goettingen

12.00 **Registration**13.30 - 14.00 **Welcome and Introduction**

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Prof. Dr. Gabriele Rosenthal · *Center of Methods in Social Sciences***Prof. Dr. Joachim Münch** · *Vice-President of the University of Goettingen***Prof. Dr. Margret Kraul** · *Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences*14.00 - 15.15 **Opening Plenary Session**

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Chair: **Gabriele Rosenthal** · *University of Goettingen, Germany***Ursula Apitzsch** · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Ethnicity as belonging & participation

Carola Lentz · *University of Mainz, Germany*

Constructing ethnicity: elite biographies in Ghana

15.15 - 15.45 **Coffee Break**15.45 - 17.30 **SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS**▶ **How to Conceptualize Collective Ethnic Belonging?**

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Chair: **Peter Alheit** · *University of Goettingen, Germany***Alexey Pamporov** · *Open Society Institute Sofia, Bulgaria*

A kaleidoscopic ethnic identity: the case of Roma in Bulgaria

Michael Corsten · *University of Jena, Germany*

We-sense – the tacit source of social belonging

Lin Mei-Ling · *National Open University, Taiwan*

Globalization and belongings: multiple political memberships, overlapping national identities, and the dimensions of citizenship

Natalia Mamul · *University of Lodz, Poland*

Towards the construction of national identity

▶ **Methodology of Researching Ethnicity, Belonging and Ethnic Conflicts** | ERZ HI |Chair: **Kathy Davis** · *Utrecht University, The Netherlands***Gabriele Rosenthal** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Research dilemma: ethnization or de-ethnization of the interviewees by the researchers?

Roswitha Breckner · *University of Vienna, Austria*

»Strangers« in public pictures. A methodical photo analysis

Lena Inowlocki, Angelika Rieber, Heiner Schwarz · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Side-taking, role playing, reflecting. Final year students in a German high school studying the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Sirkku Varjonen · *University of Helsinki, Finland*

Socio-cultural belonging in the life stories of immigrants in Finland

17.30 - 17.45 **Coffee Break**

17.45 - 19.30 **SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS**▶ **Transnational Biographies**

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Chair: **Helma Lutz** · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany***Kathy Davis** · *Utrecht University, The Netherlands***Lorraine Nencel** · *Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

»Where are you from actually?« An autoethnographical account of everyday practices of exclusion in multi-cultural society

Joana Sousa Ribeiro · *University of Coimbra, Portugal*

A »transnational cognitive space«: the impact of migration on the identity formation

Caroline Pluess · *Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

Chinese Singaporean transnational migrants: constructing a transnational habitus

Julia Bernstein · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Transjewish affiliations: constructions of ethnicity by Russian-speaking Jewish migrants in Israel and Germany

▶ **Networks & Belonging**

| ERZ 909b |

Chair: **Brian Roberts** · *University of Glamorgan, UK***Andrea Petö** · *Central European University, Hungary*

Biographies revisited. Life stories of female members of the Hungarian Fascist (Arrow Cross) Party

Rixta Wundrak · *University of Potsdam, Germany*

Chinese migrant-networks in Bucharest

Nina Clara Tiesler · *University of Lisbon, Portugal*

Muslim groups in Portugal: family histories, collective subjectivity and distinct perceptions of belonging

Eva Soom Ammann · *University of Bern, Switzerland*

How migrants experience ageing: retired Italian couples and their biographical narrations

Ulrike Ofner · *Free University of Berlin, Germany*

Labour chances and restrictions for highly qualified migrants with foreign degrees

▶ **Ethnicity & Belonging of Migrants in Florida**

| ERZ N 115 |

Chair: **Gabriele Rosenthal** · *University of Goettingen, Germany***Alex Stepick, Carol Dutton Stepick** · *Florida International University, USA*

This land is our land – natives and immigrants staking urban claims

Julia Chaitin · *Sapir Academic College, Israel***John Linstroth, Patrick Hiller, Denese Edsall, Paloma Ayala Vela, Mamyrah Prosper,****Alison Hall** · *Nova Southeastern University, USA*

Hyphens of belonging: ethnicity and community among Haitians and Cubans in the United States

Michaela Koettig · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Constructions of belonging by migrants from Cuba in South Florida and Germany

John Linstroth · *Nova Southeastern University, USA*

Al Norte: cognition, memory, and identity among Guatemala/Maya living in South Florida

09.15 - 10.30 **Plenary Session**

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Chair: **Ann Phoenix** · *University of London, UK***Floya Anthias** · *Oxford Brookes University, UK*

Belonging, identity, intersectionality, and translocational positionality

Helma Lutz · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Belonging and boundary making – dilemmas of exploring transnational biographies

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**11.00 - 13.00 **SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS**▶ **Violent Ethnic Conflicts**

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Chairs: **Lena Inowlocki** · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany***Dan Bar-On** · *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel***Artur Bogner** · *University of Bayreuth, Germany*

NGOs, transformations of conflicts and modes of governance in North Ghana

Mohamed Ghani Razaak · *Latrobe University, Melbourne, Australia*

Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka: Identity crisis or human security issue?

Yanuaris Koli Bau · *Nusa Cendana University, Kupang-Indonesia*

Cross-cultural conflict and integration: the cases of East Timor refugees in Indonesia

Maja Ferber · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Some criteria of collective belongings and their impact for positions of the Israeli society in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Nejra Nuna Cengic · *University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Life stories and dialogue (es). A postgraduate course at the University of Sarajevo

▶ **Looking back to Collective Belongings in the Past?**

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Chair: **Victoria Semenova** · *Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia***Volha Vysotskaya** · *University of Bremen, Germany*

Should we stay or should we go: migration plans and return intentions of the highly skilled workers

Irina L. Isaakyan · *University of Edingburgh, UK*

Memories of the nation-in-exile and collective belonging to homeland: Sovietishness and nostalgia through narrative biographies of Russian academic emigrants

Kaja Kaźmierska · *University of Lodz, Poland*

Identity, the sense of belonging and biographical closure

Aili Aareleid-Tart · *Tallinn University, Estonia*

Estonian Russians' life stories from the prism of frame analyses.

▶ **Migration & Belonging I**

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Chair: **Nicole Witte** · *University of Goettingen, Germany***Viola Stephan** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

The effect of the very distant past for migrants: An Armenian family in Germany

Hee-Young Yi · *Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea*

Political identity and cultural belonging of North Korean refugees in South Korea

Tatyana Zaslavsky · *Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel***Tamar Horowitz** · *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel*

Young non-Jewish immigrants in Israel

Claudia Diehl · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Identity and generation. An empirical study of the social, identificational, and cognitive integration process of the immigrant-origin population in Germany

Irina Fefler, Niklas Radenbach · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Ambivalences in constructions of social belonging: ethnic Germans from the Former Soviet Union

▶ **Current Studies of the Committee Biographical Research in the German Sociological Association** *

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Chairs: **Gerhard Riemann** · *University of Bamberg, Germany*

Bettina Dausien · *University of Flensburg, Germany*

Ulrike Tikvah Kissmann, Renate Lieb · *Humboldt-University of Berlin, Germany*

Zur Bedeutung von Vorgangs-, Eigenschafts- und Situationsbeschreibungen im Krankenhaus

Kirsten Sander · *TU Dresden, Germany*

Praxis der Herstellung von Professions- und Geschlechtergrenzen im Krankenhaus:

Analysen von szenischen Beschreibungen in Interviews und Beobachtungsprotokollen

Martina Schiebel · *University of Bremen, Germany*

Biographie und Politik. Eine Generation zwischen politischer Partizipation u. staatlicher Repression

Christine Thon · *University of Bielefeld, Germany*

Frauenbewegung und intergenerationaler Wandel

* The papers in this session are not strictly related to the topic of the conference, but show a selection from the current work of the committee »biographical research«. The papers will be presented in German. The discussion can be as well in English (translation will be provided if necessary).

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 - 16.30 **SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS**

▶ **Politics of Belonging**

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Chair: **Ursula Apitzsch** · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Steve Tonah · *University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana*

The democratization process and the resurgence of ethnic politics in Ghana (1992-2006)

Reinhart Koessler · *Arnold Bergstraesser Institut, Freiburg i.B., Germany*

The vicissitudes of boundaries, or: who belongs where and what belongs to whom?

Arzu Ozturkmen · *Boğaziçi University, Turkey*

Remembering conflicts in a Black Sea town: a multi-sited ethnography of memory

Jana Pecenka · *Oxford Brookes University, UK*

Recognition and redistribution struggles: an empirical contribution

▶ **Local Communities & Belonging**

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Chair: **Julia Chaitin** · *Sapir Academic College, Israel*

Christina Craciun · *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Local identity and collective belonging in two neighbour villages of Vrancea County in Romania

Marina Hakkarainen · *The European University of St. Petersburg, Russia*

Jewishness in the post-Soviet space (on the example of Ukrainian small town communities)

Noga Gilad · *Tel-Aviv University, Israel*

The paradox of belonging in space: Israeli settlers in the West Bank between settling and already settled

► **Migration & Belonging II**

| ERZ HI |

Chair: **Kaja Kaźmierska** · *University of Lodz, Poland*

Prina Dolberg · *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel*

In between immigrants, in between identities: on the identity of immigrants from the USSR to Israel in the 1970's after the wave of immigration in the 1990's

Thea Boldt · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Ethnic belonging in biographical presentations of Polish emigrants in Germany

Radka Klvaňová · *Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Inclusion and exclusion in the biographies of migrants from the post-Soviet union in the Czech Republic in a transnational perspective

Agnieszka Zimowska · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

At the intersections of assignments and self positioning – Polish migrants in German sex business

Tamar Rapoport, Edna Lomsky-Feder · *Hebrew University, Israel*

Memory work in migration – Young Russian Jews in Israel narrate Shoa and anti-semitism

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00 - 19.00 **SIMULTANEOUS DATA SESSIONS / METHOD WORKSHOP**

► Method Workshop **Biographical Interviewing**

| ERZ 909b |

Christine Mueller-Botsch, Nicole Witte · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

This workshop is focused on a practical training in the method of biographical narrative interviewing in different research contexts. After a short introduction, techniques of narrative interviewing – opening-up and eliciting (biographical) narratives – are practically exercised.

► Data Session 2 **Biographical Approaches**

| ERZ N 115 |

Hee-Young Yi · *Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea*

Anne Juhasz · *University of Zurich, Switzerland*

In this session we will discuss different data collected from participants of this workshop in the contexts of their research projects. The aim of this session – besides working together practically – is to give examples of different biographical research approaches in the field of migration, ethnic belonging, or identity formation. Among others we will work with materials from the following projects:

Khansaa Diab · *The David Yellin Academic College of Education, Israel*: Self searching for the missing story

Anna Virkama · *University of Tampere, Finland*: Socio-cultural belongings of Moroccan degree students in Finland and France

► Data Session 3 **What do pictures show?**

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Interpreting the »visual« in social phenomena

Roswitha Breckner · *University of Vienna, Austria*

The workshop will deal with the question how the visual dimension of social phenomena can be methodically reconstructed. In order to create a basis for discussing central aspects of analyzing visual material in comparison to verbal data, the analysis of a picture (e.g. a foto or other kind of fixed visual data) will be exemplary presented. Proposals of pictures to be analysed from participants of the workshop are welcome.

► Data Session 4 **What do we actually do when we are interpreting a text?**

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Dealing with texts and contexts of interpretation

Bettina Dausien · *University of Flensburg, Germany*

19.30 **RC 38: Business Meeting**

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09.00 - 09.30 **Business Meeting Committee Biographical Research
in the German Sociological Association**

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09.30 - 11.30 **SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS**

▶ **Ethnicity & Intersectionality**

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Chair: **Renate Bitzan** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Minna-Kristiina Ruokonen-Engler · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

De/Constructing difference: a biographical perspective on constructions of ethnicity as transnational positionality

Paul Scheibelhofer · *Central European University Budapest, Hungary*

Towards a critical (but non-Orientalist) approach to research on migrant masculinity

Anna Bally · *University of Bern, Switzerland*

Sibling identifications and »the enigma of arrival«

Heidemarie Winkel · *University of Erfurt, Germany*

Shifting boundaries of the self: Arab Christian women between collective belonging and individual notions of identity

▶ **US-American Identity**

| ERZ N 115 |

Chair: **Michaela Koettig** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Nicole K. Konopka · *University of Rostock, Germany*

Epistolary tricksters – finding ways to write about America

Gyöngyvér Hervai Szabó · *Kodolanyi János University College, Hungary*

Cosmopolis revisited: myths of trans-national forms of being (comparative analyses of identity formation in US minority, and in French, British migrant's novel)

Julia Chaitin · *Sapir Academic College, Israel*

Identities in peace and conflict: belonging among Israeli and Palestinian émigrés to the United States

Tazuko Kobayashi · *Japan Women's University, Japan*

Public story and biography: reconstructing life story of a Japanese American

▶ **Intergenerational Transmission**

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Chair: **Gabriele Rosenthal** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Anne Juhasz · *University of Zurich, Switzerland*

Ethnicity and citizenship: the second generation in Switzerland between social exclusion and the pressure to assimilate

Victoria Semenova · *Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia*

Migrants' children: next generation of migrants in multicultural society

Asiye Kaya · *Humboldt-University of Berlin, Germany*

Ethnicity and belonging among young migrant women with Turkish backgrounds in Germany

Julia Vajda · *ELTE University of Budapest, Hungary*

The Shoah's presence in the life-stories of the survivor's grandchildren

Ebru Tepecik · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Educational success and intergenerational transmission in the second generation of migrants with Turkish background in Germany



11.30 - 12.00 **Coffee Break**

12.00 - 13.15 **Plenary Session**

Chair: **Gabriele Rosenthal** · *University of Goettingen, Germany*

Dan Bar-On · *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel*

Redefining dialogue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Ann Phoenix · *University of London, UK*

Transforming transnational biographies

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13.15 - 14.15 Panel

Ethnicity and Biography

Chair: **Kathy Davis** · *Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

Panel participants:

Floya Anthias · *Oxford Brookes University, UK*

Roswitha Breckner · *University of Vienna, Austria*

Helma Lutz · *University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany*

Brian Roberts · *University of Glamorgan, UK*

Victoria Semenova · *Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia*

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14.15 **Close of Conference**



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