

## Digital Workshop of the ENLIGHT Thematic Network “Imagine: Interdisciplinary Migration Network for Equitable Future”

### “Teaching and Knowledge Production in Migration Studies in Contexts of the Authoritarian Turn”

05.-06. March 2026, online

Please register via the following link to receive the Zoom link for participation:

<https://uni-goettingen.de/de/705786.html>

#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Migration is currently one of the most controversial topics and is being misused by authoritarian movements worldwide for their anti-democratic agenda. Migration studies themselves face challenges from antiscientific discourses to illiberalism questioning the field’s legitimacy and the researchers’ integrity. The digital workshop of the ENLIGHT thematic network “Imagine” engages with these political, social and cultural dynamics. It aims at an exchange within the network and with renown guest speakers on the current state of attacks on migration research in Europe. In particular, the workshop focusses on teaching practices and knowledge production: What effects do the increased politicization of migration (studies) have in classrooms? How can these developments be addressed in teaching and the development of curricula? What kinds of tools and resources can critical migration research develop to support conducting research in challenging times? What role can migration researchers take in shaping representations and governance of migration beyond academia (knowledge-transfer, policy advise)?

#### Thursday, 05. March 2026

14:00-14:15	<b>Welcome</b>
14:15-15:45	<b>KEYNOTE: “Alternative modes of knowledge production and teaching”</b>  <u>Keynote speaker:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Jana Bacevic (Durham University/ UK)</li></ul>
	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<b>WORKSHOP 1: “How to rethink the classroom? What kinds of alternative curriculum can be/ need to be developed?”</b>  <u>Input presentations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Dr Shahram Khosravi (Stockholm University, Sweden)</li><li>• Assoc. Prof. Enrica Rigo (Roma Tre University, Italy)</li><li>• Dr. Simon Warren (Roskilde University, Denmark)</li></ul> <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Senka Neuman-Stanivukovic (Groningen University, Netherlands)

**Friday, 06. March 2026**

09:15-10:45	<p><b>FISHBOWL DISCUSSION: How to rethink Migration Studies? What kinds of conceptual approaches, analytical understandings and methodological/ ethical reflections can be/ need to be developed?</b></p> <p><u>Discussion partners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pihla Siim (University of Tartu, Estonia)</li><li>• Prof. Dr. Tobias Eule &amp; Prof. Dr. Barbara von der Rütte (University of Bern, Switzerland)</li><li>• Rossella Marino, PhD (University of Ghent, Belgium)</li></ul> <p><u>Chair:</u> Prof. Dr. Sabine Hess (University of Göttingen, Germany)</p>
	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p><b>WORKSHOP 2: Reflecting on knowledge transfer and policy advise. How to respond to a changing political and media-related landscape?</b></p> <p><u>Input presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Markus Engler (German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany)</li><li>• Prof. Dr Charles Heller (University of Bern, Switzerland)</li></ul> <p><u>Chair:</u> Prof. Dr. Robin Vandevordt (University of Gent, Belgium)</p>
	Coffee break
12:45 – 13:30	<b>Wrap-up and outlook (ETN network members)</b>