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Lost and Gained on the Way Placing, Transit' Migration in Europe, Africa and Asia

Conference, 13–14 May 2019
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Concept Outline

This conference focuses on the dynamics of objects, relationships, skills and meanings being lost and gained in places of transit in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Pursuing, conceptually, an approach that places migrants as active social actors in the centre, the conference participants present their research on what migrants do in situations of so-called transit; how they balance the aspirations of moving on and making a life where they are located at that particular moment. The conference, then, aims to create a common ground for critically unfolding and destabilizing the concept of “transit” migration itself.

Monday, 13 May 2019

9:45

Welcome, Opening Words

Katharina Lange(ZMO), Hilal Alkan (ZMO)

10:00–11:30

Session 1: Establishing New Lives

Chair: Katrin Bromber (ZMO)

Discussant: Katharina Lange (ZMO)

Mustafa Aslan (University of Mardin Artuklu & Kuvvet Lordoğlu, Kocaeli Solidarity Academy): Jobs, Professions and Identities Lost in Migration Routes: the Case of Syrian Migrants.

Lea Müller Funk (University of Amsterdam): Adapting to Staying or Imagining Alternative Futures: (Im)mobility Aspirations of Syrian Refugees in Istanbul and Izmir.

11:30–12:00

Coffee Break

12:00–13:30

Session 2: Immobility and Stillness

Chair: Lisa Jöris (ZMO)

Discussant: Katrin Bromber (ZMO)

Aurora Massa (University of Trento): Waiting for the Chance: Existential Immobilities, Transit and Time Among Eritrean Urban Refugees in Ethiopia.

Hilal Alkan (ZMO): When Today Is All You Could Have: Syrian Migrant Temporalities between Turkey and Germany.

13:30–15:00

Lunch Break

15:00–16:30

Session 3: In Pursuit of Documents

Chair: Katharina Lange (ZMO)

Discussant: Veronica Ferreri (ZMO)

Romm Lewkowicz (City University of New York): 'What is a Passport and Why Can I Not Buy One'? Notes on the Economy of Fake and Authentic Travel Documents on the Eastern Mediterranean Migration Route.

Zulayho Kadirova (Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies): Eastern Europe as a Transit Destination for Central Asian Migrants.

Tuesday, 14 May 2019

9:30–11:00

Session 4: Liminal Spaces of Home-Making

Chair: Ladin Bayurgil (BU/ZMO)

Discussant: Şenay Özden (Hamisch Syrian Cultural House)

Kristen S. Biehl (Sabancı University): Dwelling(s) in Transit: Balancing Housing Choices and Constraints in a Migrant Hub of Istanbul.

Emma Duester (University of Roehampton): Artist Diasporas: The Nature of Home and Belonging in Lives on the Move.

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Session 5: Growing Up in Displacement

Chair: Inana Othman (ZMO)

Discussant: Abdoulaye Sounaye (ZMO)

Veronica Ferreri (ZMO): In the Pursuit of Normality. The Temporal Rhythm of a Syrian Informal School in Lebanon.

Realisa D. Masardi (University of Amsterdam): Keep Moving Forward.

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:30

Session 6: Governing the Transit Hubs

Chair: Şenay Özden (Hamisch Syrian Cultural House)

Discussant: Sophia Hoffmann (ZMO)

Petra Bendel & Janina Stürner (Centre for Area Studies, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg): Your UNHCR Issued Tent Does Not Come With Canaries Included

Sofiane Bouhdiba (University of Tunis): Sub-Saharan Transit Migrants in Medenine During the Libyan Crisis

15:30–16:30

Concluding Discussion