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Departures, arrivals, border-crossings: changing migrations in times of crises

Midterm Conference of ESA's Research Network 35 "Sociology of Migration", in collaboration with the University Federico II

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Deadline for abstract submission: 15 September, 2022

ESA's Research Network 35 "Sociology of Migration" will hold its next midterm conference at the University Federico II, Naples, from 30 to 31 March 2023. Taking up recent challenges, debates and trends in the field of migration and its study, the conference will focus on the implications of the many interlocking contemporary crises for migratory projects, policies and theories. The conference is organized in cooperation with the University Federico II in Naples.

We want to provide a platform for those who have already met at earlier conferences to continue our exchange, and at the same time invite other scholars to join our discussions. RN35 aims to have lively and focused debates at its midterm conferences. Hence, submissions that have a clear and strong link to the conference theme will be given priority. For our 2023 midterm conference we invite all interested scholars to submit proposals for single paper presentations or thematic sessions. In addition, we particularly invite PhD researchers to submit abstracts for a poster session, although they are welcome to apply for all other formats as well.

Conference theme

The scholarship on migration considers its subject as a dynamic social phenomenon, central to wider social transformations. In recent years, multiple crises have been observed across Europe and the world that are shaping the pathways to new transformations, whether as short-term events or enduring processes. Among those crises can be counted the perduring threat of global warming, the 2008 financial crisis, the armed conflicts of the Middle East and the concomitant crisis of the European refugee protection system, the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2021 Belorussia-Poland border crisis, and the on-going Russian military invasion of Ukraine that has forced more than 6 million civilians to leave their homes at the time of issuing this call.

The RN35 Mid-term conference invites scholars to examine the impact of the multiple, interlocking crises on migration projects, policies, and theories. It inquires into the implications of the different and interacting crises for the global population, for states aiming to manage migrant flows, and for scholars analyzing migrations in times of crises.

In particular, we welcome presentations that consider some of the following issues:

- **Dynamics of migration:** How have the multiple crises of the past years changed the processes of migration? Who have the crises set in motion or, alternatively, halted in places of origin, transit and destination? How are different crises and the related discourses and policies affecting migrants' social conditions and aspirations, as regards their life plans and their border-crossing projects?
- **Migration governance and regimes:** How has migration in the advent of crises been managed at multiple scales of government? What supranational, national and local policy responses have emerged? How do the different crises affect the border work of states and the dynamics of their physical, social, and symbolic boundaries? What are the effects of complex, multiscalar government on patterns and experiences of migration in different concrete locations comprising sites of departure, transit, and arrival? How and when are some categories of migrants welcomed and others rejected? How do organizational settings produce exclusionary dynamics and differential inclusion?
- **Places of migration:** How do different crises play out in places of departure, of arrival, and of transit? How are those places transformed in people's migratory projects, changing from place of transit to place of final stay, from place of arrival to transit, and so on? How has this changed the conditions of mobility and immobility in border spaces, such as some Mediterranean cities or Central and Eastern European border regions?
- **Migration research and theory:** What are the implications of the multiple and interconnected crises for the field of migration? How is our understanding of migration changing, and how should current transformations be reflected in our theorizations? What are the implications of the crisis framing that dominates the political and media spheres on practices, perceptions and theorization of migration? How to leverage the multiple "migration crises" for critical ends and for advancing scholarship on human mobility?

Format: We aim for an interdisciplinary and multi-methodological dialogue that brings together younger and well-established scholars from across Europe and beyond. Apart from single papers, we invite proposals for thematic sessions. A session proposal should include three to maximum four papers (titles and abstracts, names of authors with affiliation, and a discussant) and a brief indication of the session's overarching theme. Please be aware that there is no guarantee that sessions can be integrated in the suggested form into the final program. Individual abstracts shall have 250 words; thematic session proposals no more than 1.200 words. In addition, we particularly invite PhD researchers to submit abstracts for a poster session, yet they are welcome to apply for all other formats too.

Fees and accommodation: No conference fees will be charged, but conference participants will need to pay their own travel and accommodation. Information on hotels and hostels close to the conference venue will be communicated in due course.

Proposal submission: Please submit your abstract plus a short biographical note to rn35conference2023@gmail.com by 15 September 2022. Decisions will be communicated the end of October 2022.

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