

# **Crossing Borders – Perspectives in Migration Research**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Migration and Integration Research in Austria**

16-18 September 2020  
University of Salzburg

### **Call for Panels und Papers**

Numerous scholarly disciplines encounter each other within the field of Migration Research. Moreover, the theme of migration can be approached from at least three different perspectives: those of the host communities, of the societies of origin, and of the migrants themselves. For migration and mobility scholarship, the challenge lies in making linkages between these perspectives, for example through a transnational lens.

The sixth biennial conference on Migration and Integration Research in Austria will elucidate the challenges both of methodological multi-disciplinarity and of multiple perspectives in academic debates on the theme of migration in main sessions and panel discussions. This will include the question whether the classical view within migration and integration research, which distinguishes between sedentary majority populations and migrants, should be reconsidered in light of growing diversity, mobility, and global interdependence. Our leading questions thus do not only deal with migration as the crossing of territorial borders, but also with transcending boundaries within disciplines and with the broadening of perspectives.

The organizers call for proposals for panels and papers. We are particularly interested in panels displaying a multi-disciplinary orientation and/or bringing together different perspectives on migration and/or rethinking societies from a migration perspective. However, there is no thematic restriction. The call is open to all panels and papers dealing with any further themes related to migration, mobility, and integration. Selected peer-reviewed contributions will be published in an open access yearbook with the Austrian Academy of Sciences Press. Again, contributions focusing on the overall theme of the conference will receive special consideration.

Proposals for panels and papers can be submitted both in English and in German.

#### ***Panels***

Proposals for panels of **90 minutes** (each with three to four short papers) should include a preliminary title and description of the topic of the panel (800 words), highlighting the innovative potential of the panel in the context of existing studies. The proposals should also include the names of the authors, titles and abstracts (250 words each) of the papers. The abstracts should include the specific research question, the theoretical and methodological approach and, where applicable, the data used. Panel suggestions should also contain one discussant who will critically comment on the papers to initiate the audience discussion. This person should not be a co-author or member of the research team proposing the panel. The presenters have to be from different institutions in order for the panel to be accepted. Interdisciplinary and internationally comparative panels will be accepted preferentially.

#### ***Papers***

Proposals for papers can also be submitted independent of panel proposals. They should contain a preliminary title and a short summary of about 500 words, which presents the specific research question, the theoretical and methodological approach and, where applicable, the data used. We especially welcome interdisciplinary and internationally comparative papers.

Please send all proposals to Johanna Friedl at [kmi@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:kmi@oeaw.ac.at) by **27 January 2020**.  
Selection will be completed by **3 April 2020**.

Complete written draft versions of all papers must be made available by **1 September 2020**. The conference committee can replace proposed contributions which have not been accompanied by a full draft on 1 September with contributions from a reserve list.

A programme committee consisting of experts from a wide variety of disciplines will help the organizers select the received panel and paper proposals. Apart from quality and originality, the thematic context will also be a decisive criterion.

A small conference fee towards the partial coverage of catering costs will be applicable to all participants.

For more information on the conference, please visit:

[www.oeaw.ac.at/kmi](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/kmi)

This conference is organised by the Commission for Migration and Integration Research, ÖAW, and the Institute for Urban and Regional Research, ÖAW, in collaboration with the Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences, University of Salzburg, and the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

