



CAT-ference 2019 session proposal

Title: Geographicity of mobilities. A more holistic perspective on people on the move

Description:

Since almost three decades, Europe is facing a new era of mobility, especially in urban spaces. With East-West and EU-labor migration, crisis migration, refugee migration, Brexit – The European migration system is getting more and more complicated, highly influenced by new and sometimes unpredictable sets of changes, introducing new opportunities and uncertainties for migrants. Vice versa, there seem to be a certain ability of the system to deal with all these changes in the conditions of political, social or economic frameworks. Characteristics of that kind of “elusive” migration systems are high flexibility, circularity, spontaneity, variability and unpredictability. We know that it is difficult to empirically sample the diversity of migratory movements or to systematically categorize and theorize liquid phenomena like that. Therefore, the session may serve as a laboratory to develop a new perspective on mobility to, and beyond the borders, of the EU.

We expect theoretical and empirical analysis that focuses on the variability of migration and mobility, their impact on social spaces and individual lifestyles from a more holistic view, thus, contributions on the rather complex Geographicity of people on the move. Contributions should preferably, but not exclusively, refer to urban contexts (CATs) and could focus on choice and coercion in decision-making by migrants, on interrelationships between immigration, emigration and internal migration, on different forms of circularity and other issues – just to give an idea to stimulating a broad variety of inspiring, inventive and, maybe, fancy contributions.

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