

Seventeenth Global Studies Conference – Global Studies Research Network and Jagiellonian University,
Kraków, Poland

ABOUT US

Founded in 2011, the Global Studies Research Network is devoted to mapping and interpreting past and emerging trends and patterns in globalization. We aim to traverse a broad terrain, sometimes technically and other times socially oriented, sometimes theoretical and other times practical in their perspective, and sometimes reflecting dispassionate analysis while at other times suggesting interested strategies for action. Our aim is to build an epistemic community where we can make linkages across disciplinary, geographic, and cultural boundaries.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Place: Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland and Online

Format: A mix of live, pre-recorded, and in person (at scale that's allowed) presentations and social interaction spaces.

Dates: 17–19 July 2024

SPECIAL FOCUS

The World on the Move: Understanding Migration in a New Global Age

Few things shape our world more profoundly than migration. While some see migration as hardwired into humans, processes of globalization have intensified the speed and impact of migratory flows by establishing evermore connections between faraway places. Millions of people migrate every year, both within countries, usually from rural to urban areas, and across national borders, within and between the Global South and the Global North. Migration is motivated by a multitude of reasons – including a search for a better livelihood, escape from political instability or a flee from religious persecution. Broader structural and environmental factors, notably climate change, increasingly act as triggers of migration. Related to those motives, questions about who can arrive and who cannot are highly contested political issues, with the so-called “refugee crisis” galvanizing the public debate, which is increasingly polarized between those, especially on the political right, who want to keep the borders of their countries impenetrable to potential arrivals, and those who welcome the desperate and the needy as well as the entrepreneurial nomads. Of course, as people migrate so does capital, culture, ideas and ways of thinking, resulting in a creative, if sometimes volatile cross-pollination, between societies, economies and value systems, disrupting Western-centric modes of knowledge production. The debate about migration thus turns into one concerning social change as such. But while the world is on the move, social sciences have not yet overcome the “methodological nationalism” (Beck 2007) that keeps scholars ill-prepared to identify and analyse the diverse, hybrid and creolized nature of much of human interactions today. This conference aims to capture the implications of migration – of people and ideas – in politics, economy and culture. It challenges what scholars have called the “sedentary bias” (Bakewell 2008) and instead takes migration as a given, a defining feature of the globalizing world. The questions that we hope to address include but are not limited to the following issues:

- Migration in a historical perspective
 - Globalization and migration, is ours a different age?
- International migration and economic development – North and South
 - Environmental change and migration
- Ideologies of migration – how is migration viewed and contested from different ideological viewpoints, left, right and centre?
- Moral panics around migration, others, “aliens”; racism and anti-immigration populism on the far right
 - Legacies of migration – models and realities of cultural diversity
 - Political regimes of migration – policies and their consequences
 - Debates about migration and welfare state
 - Global governance of migration
- Global cities and migration – urban superdiversity and conviviality
 - Pro-refugee and migrant activism
- Paradoxes of immigrants’ political mobilizations: emancipatory struggles vs. migrants’ involvement in far-right politics

CONFERENCE THEMES

Theme One – NETWORKS OF ECONOMY AND TRADE

Theme Two – THE POWER OF INSTITUTIONS

Theme Three – VECTORS OF SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Theme Four – ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS