

WORKSHOP, JUNE 28-29, 2018

## ASK THE 'EXPERTS'?

### Positionalities of researchers and public figures of migrant background in European debates about immigration

Library Hall, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
Organized by SONJA MOGHADDARI (MPI-MMG) and SARA DE JONG (The Open University)

#### Thursday, June 28, 2018

09:00–09:30 **Arrival and registration**

09:30–10:00 **Welcome**

#### 10:00–11:00 **KEYNOTE 1**

MADGALENA NOWICKA (Humboldt University of Berlin): **“Performing expertise: Navigating science, state and society as female, migrant and ever too young researcher”**

11:00–11:15 *Break*

#### 11:15–13:15 **PANEL 1: ROLES OF MIGRANTICIZED PUBLIC FIGURES IN SOCIETAL DEBATES**

**Chair: MICHALIS MOUTSELOS (MPI-MMG)**

**Discussant: EUNIKE PIWONI (University of Göttingen)**

WILLIAM B NOSEWORTHY (University of Wisconsin-Madison): **“Hubert Harrison & Black Socialism: Shifting meanings of the immigration debate in early 20th century”**

SONJA MOGHADDARI (MPI-MMG): **“‘Vibrationshintergrund’: Intersectional perspectives on migrantized public figures’ positionalities in German debates about immigration”**

ELSA MESCOLI (University of Liège): **“Between normality and exceptionality: The place of Muslims in society debates in Belgium”**

13:15–14:15 *Lunch*

#### 14:15–15:35 **PANEL 2: THINKING BEYOND THE ‘MIGRANT’ RESEARCHER?**

**Chair: SOMAYEH CHITCHIAN (MPI-MMG)**

**Discussant: MILOŠ JOVANOVIĆ (MPI-MMG)**

KIJAN ESPHAHANGIZI (ETH Zürich): **“Migration scholars with migration background: A historical typology and case study on migration studies in Switzerland since the 1960s”**

KESINI MAHENDRAN (The Open University): **“From ethno-cultures to mobility-cultures – One step towards taking the mobility line”**

15:35–15:50 *Break*

#### 15:50–17:50 **PANEL 3: NEGOTIATING MULTIPLE IDENTITIES IN FIELD WORK**

**Chair: YINING CHEN (MPI-MMG)**

**Discussant: GULAY TURKMEN (University of Göttingen)**

SHAHD WARI (MPI-MMG): **“Perspectives on juggling different identities during ethnographic fieldwork”**

SHARIF MOHAMMAD HAIDER (The Open University): **“A change agent”**

AMADU KHAN (independent researcher): **“‘Shifting’ positionalities, reflexivity & ‘ethics’ of representation in refugee research: Opportunities, challenges and resolutions”**

17:50–18:05 *Break*  
18:05–18:45 **SUMMARY SESSION**  
SARA DE JONG (The Open University): **“Reflections on positionalities”**  
from 19:15 *Dinner*

## Friday, June 29, 2018

09:00–11:00 **PANEL 4: REFLECTING ON INEQUALITIES ALONG DIFFERENT SHADES OF COLOR**

**Chair: SABINE MOHAMED (MPI-MMG)**

**Discussant: MEGHA AMRITH (MPI-MMG)**

MERIMA SEHAGIC (Free University of Berlin): **“Sameness and belonging in the field: Anthropological perspectives on the study of racialization processes”**

LUIS MANUEL HERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR (Technische Universität Berlin): **“Bearded experts and neutral judgments: Racial adscriptions and characterizations in the study of racism”**

MIRJAM A. TWIGT (University of Leicester): **“Who listens to whom? The politics of care in (forced) migration research in and beyond post-migratory Europe”**

11:00–11:15 *Break*

11:15–13:15 **PANEL 5: MULTIPOSITIONALITY AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION: ANALYSIS AND WRITING**

**Chair: SANJA BÖKLE (MPI-MMG)**

**Discussant: SARA DE JONG (The Open University)**

NAWEL AÏT ALI (EHESS): **“Challenging difference: a reflection on the French setting”**

SHPRESA JASHARI (University of Neuchâtel): **“De-centering migration research: Approaching cross-border marriage multimensionally and multisitedly”**

FADI SALEH (University of Göttingen): **“How native is the “native ethnographer”: Challenges and dynamics of doing fieldwork with Syrian LGBTIQ refugees as a Syrian gay man”**

13:15–14:15 *Lunch*

14:15–15:45 **Working group session and final discussion**



Contact: [asktheexperts2018@gmail.com](mailto:asktheexperts2018@gmail.com)