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## “Quo vadis, migration studies? Towards a migratory epistemology”

A critical reflection of the conventional concepts  
used in migration studies

In my presentation I will **first** set the scene by sketching the link between changing migration and mobility patterns, processes of social transformation, corresponding migration control practices and according cycles of migration research. **Second**, I will demonstrate that from the 1980s, in the US, and the 1990s, in Europe, migration studies have been booming and that over time a plethora of typologies, concepts and theories have emerged. **Third**, I will analyse that, nevertheless, to date even the definition of migration remains inconsistent whereas the conceptualisation of migration is haunted by numerous biases which leads to various and often conflicting understandings of the impact of migration. **Fourth**, I will suggest that migration research must acknowledge key intersectionalities whilst being rooted in thorough ethical reflections. To overcome the manifold distortions and systemic biases I promote a new migratory epistemology.

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