PROGRAMME

ZIF WORKSHOP

Moving in a divided world – Transnational crime, national borders and irregular migration

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MONDAY, 11 JULY

9:00 – 9:45 Welcome by ZiF  
Welcome by Andreas Vasilache (Dean, Faculty of Sociology)  
Welcome and logistics/conceptual remarks by Antje Missbach, Luigi Achilli and Soledad Álvarez Velasco

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:45 Panel One  
Agents of Change: the Migrant Struggle amid Exploitation and Violence

Luigi Achilli  
“The ‘dark side’ of agency: transnational crime and minors on the move along the Eastern Mediterranean corridor”

Nabil Ferdaoussi (Zoom)  
“Reframing Border Violence: The Role of Migrant Activists in Subverting Border Regimes at the Moroccan-Spanish Borderlands”

Louis Vuilleumier  
“Negotiating deviant entrepreneurship”
Wayne Palmer (presenter) and Antje Missbach
“Take me home: The role of smugglers in return migration and clandestine border crossings in Batam, Indonesia”

Discussant David Kyle

11:45 – 13:15 Break

13:15 – 14:45 Panel Two
No “Victims” or “Criminals”: Problematizing Dichotomies

Ophelia Nicole-Berva
“Smugglers or ‘in solidarity’? How migrants’ interactions with activists affect moral discourse on mobility”

Natalie Chwalisz

Hannah Pool
“Our Qajaqbar understands’ – A Moral Economy of Human Smuggling from Afghanistan to Germany”

Discussant Klaus Neumann

14:45 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:45 Panel Three
Transnational Digital Spaces of Irregularized Border Crossings: Between Everyday Digitalization, Solidarity and Violence

Francisca Sassetti (presenter) and Luiz Guilherme Natalio de Mello
“Misinformation and Hate Speech against Migrants on Social Media: an Analysis of Migrant Caravans in Central America”

Conor Sanchez
“Balancing safety and voice on digital platforms for those seeking to migrate across international borders”

Domila do Prado Pazzini
“From Brazil to Mexico: Haitian mobility in Latin America”

Soledad Álvarez Velasco
“Between Trochas and Coyotes: Spatial Migrant Struggles in the Migratory Corridors in the Americas”

Discussant Inka Stock

16:45 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 18:15 Keynote (Livestream) https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/j/61786426715?pwd=RTM1MkFwRml5YTR6ZlBPbWZ0QkFSZz09
Gabriella Sanchez
“The pressure to Condemn: Researching Smuggling in the Time of Security”

Introduction Soledad Álvarez Velasco
TUESDAY, 12 JULY

9:30 – 11:00 Panel Four
Beyond Human Trafficking and Smuggling: Gangs, Soldiers, and illicit Entrepreneurship

Dostin Lakika
“Between informality and (il)legality: Congolese migrants’ survival mechanisms in South Africa”

Michael A. Paarlberg (presenter) and Loren Collingwood
“Fact or Fiction: Testing the Link between local immigration Policy and the MS-13 ‘Threat’”

Abdul lateef Awodele

Jonathan S. Parhusip
“Beyond Human Trafficking and Smuggling: Migrant Crews in Taiwan Fishing and Shipping Industries”

Discussant Antje Missbach

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:45 Panel Five
Age, Gender and Race in “Modern Slavery”

Masha Hassan (Zoom)
“Passeurs’ of Ventimiglia: An Ethnographic Study of the South Asian Migrant ‘Smuggler’ ”

Anna Malgorzata Rajkowska
“Jihadi returnees: The case of the Turkish women who joined the Islamic State (IS)”

Temitope Akinleye (Zoom)
“Irregular African Migration and Modern Slavery: the Case of Feale Youth in Nigeria”

Discussant Paolo Campana

12:45 – 13:45 Break

13:45 – 15:15 Panel Six
The “Micro” Dynamics of Migrants Smuggling and Human Trafficking

Paolo Campana
“Unpacking the Structure of Human Smuggling: A Social Network Analysis Approach”

Tabea Scharrer
“Of Mukhalas and Magafe. Emic meaning-making of mobility facilitation and human trafficking by Somalis crossing the Sahara and the Mediterranean”
Tauqeer Hussain Shah (Zoom)
“The Thirsty Man Goes to the Well: Negotiations between Aspired Migrants and Agents - A Study of Irregular Migration from Pakistan to Europe”

Nancy Porsia
“Social perception of human smuggling in a border community in Libya: from political defiance to crime. Case study: Zwara, Libya”

Discussant Luigi Achilli

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Panel 7
Whose Best Interest?
Regional Cooperation and International Approaches in Smuggling Policy

Leonie Jegen
“Constructing and contesting ‘best interest’ in Senegal’s legal migration capacity building programmes”

Ruta Nimkar
“From the Outside In: How do Externalisation Policies Interact with Perceptions of Migrants and Smugglers?”

Susanne Willers
“Contested mobility in times of the COVID 19-pandemic and border enforcement: experiences of transit and immobility in the migration corridor between Central America and the USA”

Discussant Soledad Álvarez Velasco

17:15 – 17:30 Break

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David Kyle: “Smuggling ‘Creativity’ in the Meritocracy of Global ‘Talentism’”

Introduction: Luigi Achilli

Wrap up & Closure: Conference Organisers