

## **Kick Off 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort and ‘Theorizing Cross-border Labour Markets II’ Retreat, April 22 – 24, 2026**

**GRK 2951 “Cross border labour markets: transnational market makers, infrastructures and institutions”**

**Hotel Münnich  
Heeremansweg 11  
48167 Münster**

### **Programme**

**Wednesday, 22.04.2026**

**From 14:30 Welcome Coffee**

**15:00 Welcome**

**15:15 Presentation of Principal Investigators’ Research Perspectives on Cross-Border Labour Markets**

*(5 minutes each)*

- 1. Alexandra Scheele-Baer (Bielefeld)**
- 2. Karen Shire (Duisburg-Essen)**
- 3. Marcel Erlinghagen (Duisburg-Essen)**
- 4. Ursula Mense-Petermann (Bielefeld)**
- 5. Anna Zaharieva (Bielefeld, via Zoom)**
- 6. Sebastian Otten (Duisburg-Essen)**
- 7. Helen Schwenken (Osnabrück)**
- 8. Minh Nguyen (Bielefeld)**
- 9. Anja Weiß (Duisburg-Essen)**
- 10. Sigrid Quack (Duisburg-Essen)**
- 11. Tobias Werron (Bielefeld)**

**16:15 Coffee Break**

**16:30 Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Projects (Block I) (3x30 min)**  
**Davis Weidemann**  
**Frankziska Schrader**  
**Gaelle Gibon**

**18:00 End**

**19:00 Joint Dinner**

**20:30 Drinks and Talk (including Members' Meeting)**

**Thursday, 23.04.2026**

**9:00 Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Projects (Block II) (3x30 min)**  
**Güneş Özçoban**  
**Miral Fahmy**  
**Lars Wiersch**

**10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:45 Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Projects (Block III) (3x30 min)**  
**Mai Chi Nguyen**  
**Michael Koppel**  
**Varsha Joshi**

**12:15 Lunch Break**

**13:30 Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Projects (Block IV) (3x30 min)**  
**Katharina Hauck**  
**Weiyan Xu**  
**Greta Wienkamp (associated doctoral researcher)**

**15:00 Coffee Break**

**15:45 "Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Epistemologies and Theory Building for the Research of Cross Border Labour Markets"**

**Participants:**

**Alexandra Scheele (Sociology)**

**Minh Nguyen (Social Anthropology)**

**Sebastian Otten (Economics)**

**Moderator: Ursula Mense-Petermann**

**16:45 End**

**17:00 Pub Quiz**

**19:00 Joint Dinner**

**Friday, 24.04.2026**

**9:00 Theorizing Cross Border Labour Markets I**  
**Tobias Werron: "Are there truly global labour markets? The case of classical music"**

**10:00 Coffee Break**

- 10:15**      **Theorizing Cross Border Labour Markets II:  
Lisa Mansfeld, Marcel Erlinghagen: "Family-migration-career arrangements  
and subjective well-being of internationally mobile persons"**
- 11:15**      **Theorizing Cross Border Labour Markets III:  
Anja Weiss: "Institutionalized (dis-)connections and the (re-)production of  
skills"**
- 12:15**      **Lunch**
- 13:15**      **Wrap-up and Farewell**
- 14:00**      **Departure**