



Colloquium Series
Sociology of Transnationalization
“The transnational lens”

**Translocal Identities among Banat Swabian
Migrants in Early Twentieth-Century St. Louis**

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Between 1903 and 1914, thousands of Banat Swabian labor migrants formed an émigré community in St. Louis, which at the time was a national center for manufacturing. Hungarian by nationality but ethnically German, these migrants faced extensive Americanization campaigns and interaction with American institutions of all sorts. At the same time, they maintained close ties to home and cultivated relationships with other Banat Swabians in St. Louis. Their experiences suggest that early twentieth-century migrants’ identities were more fluid and fragmented than Americanist historians have recognized, rooted in the places of origin and destination and subject to a variety of governmental and institutional forces that often pulled in contradictory directions.

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