



Navigating Uncertainty: Migration and Anti-Democratic Challenges Today

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Programme

Department for Educational Science, University of Graz, Austria

WALL Building (Merangasse 70, 8010 Graz)

Day 1 (Thursday, 22.05.2024)

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	
08:30 - 09:30	Registration			
09:30 - 10:00	Opening remarks: Markus Tilp (Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Environmental, Regional and Educational Sciences, University of Graz) + representatives of the Department for Educational Science and the ESREA Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms Network			
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Linda Morrice: Where is the hope? Post-colonial logics and racialised borders in refugee access to Higher Education			
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break			

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	
11:30 - 13:00	Parallel session 1			
	EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC CAREER MOBILITY Chair: Eugena Kwon Eugena Kwon Advancing equity in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics): Examining challenges and barriers in academic and career mobility for racialised immigrant young adults in Canada Wenfu Zhang Chinese Übermenschen: mobility capital and the entrepreneurial experiences of young privileged Chinese migrants Christy M. Rhodes Educational aspirations of first-generation Latinos in a New Gateway State	CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND LEARNING FROM MIGRANTS' STRUGGLE Chair: Helga Ramsey-Kurz Helga Ramsey-Kurz Why not let the subaltern speak? - A plea for learning about migration from refugees J. Adam Perry Is this research really 'emancipatory'? Reflecting on collective theatre-creation with migrant farm workers in Canada Barbara Samaluk Migrant-led communities of struggle: what can we learn from them?	RACISM AND ADULT EDUCATION Chair: Heike Wendt Jennifer Danquah Racism-critical change in adult education centers: a multi-level perspective from Germany Furat Khalaf Kuti and Heike Wendt Exclusionary mechanisms in accessing Higher Education in conflict and post-conflict settings: the case of the Yazidi minority in Iraq Sinela Jurkova, Jingzhou Liu and Shibao Guo Revisiting systemic racism: an intersectional analysis of racialized immigrants' experiences in Canada	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break			
14:00 - 15:30	Parallel session 2			

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	
	POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS Chair: Betül Karakoc-Kafkas Muhammet Mustafa Iyi Analyzing young Turkish diaspora attitudes toward the rise of the populist radical right in the Netherlands: “Actually Wilders is good!” Batikan Bulut Shaping the diaspora: Turkey's new diaspora regime and the role of associations in Germany Michael Bernhard, Betül Karakoç-Kafkas and Christiane Hof Community learning spaces as sites of practice: navigating migrant participation in changing landscapes	WOMEN, EDUCATION AND LEARNING Chair: Emily Dobrich Filiz Keser Aschenberger Navigating life transitions through learning: educational trajectories of Turkish migrant women in Germany and Austria Emily Dobrich Supporting intercultural sharing and community building for transnational migrant women through embodied learning Claire Collison The lived experiences of women enrolled in a yoga course in a Swedish refugee integration programme.	EDUCATORS AND LEARNING Chair: Marcin Starnawski Hanna Achremowicz and Marcin Starnawski Intercultural assistants: advocates in migrant education, in need of structured training Francesca Peresson, Anna Serbati and Paola Venuti Educational strategies for equity: the role of career guidance in the university transition of migrant students in Italy Nikos Psochios, Maria-Grazia Imperiale, Damian Ross and Giovanna Fassetta LINEs: Learning for Informal and Nonformal Educators in Lebanon and Jordan	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break			
16:00 - 17:30	Parallel session 3			
	MIGRATION AND (CULTURAL) IDENTITIES	ALTERNATIVE LEARNING	MEDIA AND NARRATIVES	

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	
	<p>Chair: Grete Erckmann</p> <p>Mehmet Rauf Kesici</p> <p>An exploration of the relationship between economic outcomes and the salience of religious identities of Kurdish and Turkish migrants and their descendants in Germany: the role of multiple and hybrid identities</p> <p>Grete Erckmann</p> <p>Migration – social inequality – conduct of everyday life: identity negotiation and social participation of youths with migration (family) experiences in Germany</p> <p>Bagus Paulus Sugiyono</p> <p>Educational mobility, ethnicity, and sense of belonging as a nation: a preliminary note on the case study of Perantau students in Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>Chair: Brigitte Kukovetz</p> <p>Brigitte Kukovetz</p> <p>Civic learning through alternative perspectives on border and migration regimes</p> <p>Karen M. Magro</p> <p>Encouraging global competencies and transcultural learning in a time of conflict: encouraging pedagogies of peace and creativity</p> <p>Martina Nordqvist Färnskog</p> <p>5 Ventures for learning: migrant capability and church language cafés</p>	<p>Chair: Angela Pich Ortega</p> <p>Patrycja Rozbicka and Aleksandra Matyja</p> <p>Visual narratives of migration: comparative analysis of media coverage in Poland during the 2015 and 2022 refugee crises</p> <p>Angela Pilch Ortega</p> <p>Countering anti-democratic tendencies and disinformation on social media: an exploration of collaborative activism on X in view of increasing uncertainty</p> <p>Enrico Vignando and Davide Zoletto</p> <p>AI literacies in superdiverse adult education</p>	
	Free time			
19:00	Conference dinner: Zur Steirerstub'n, Lendplatz 8			

Day 2 (Friday, 23.05.2024)

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
08:30 - 9:00	Morning coffee & registration			
9:00 - 10:30	Parallel Session 4			
	MIGRATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM Chair: Nikolaos Pschios Yan Guo Migrant community activism: advocating equitable education policy for English as an additional language (EAL) learners Shibao Guo and Ling Lei Combating racism in multicultural Canada: theorizing a form of new social movement learning Nikolaos Pschios Endurance work: refugees' tactics of living sideways in contemporary Greece	AUTOETHNOGRAPHY AND BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVES Chair: Ülkü Güney Ülkü Güney Beyond integration: challenging colonial discourses through autoethnography Tetyana Hoggan-Kloubert and Chad Hoggan Objects, transitions, and learning: biographical insights from Ukrainian refugees Tetyana Panchenko Transformational experience of Ukrainian displaced people in Germany: between integration and transnationalism	HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND AGING Chair: Annette Sprung Annette Sprung Migration, ageing and caring societies Francesca Romana Loberto "Voices of resilience: elderly women, migration, and identity in the mountains of Piacenza" Alicja Szostkiewicz The phenomenon of loneliness of immigrants in Poland and its significance for their adaptation in the host country. Educational and cultural implications	

10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00 - 12:30	Parallel Session 5			
	GOVERNANCE AND REGIMES Chair: Lucy Hunt Kirstin Sonne Between implementation and contestation: understanding the role of the UK's refugee third sector in relation to asylum and migration governance Pinar Aksu Everyday bordering: migration, communities and access to justice Lucy Hunt 'Unsettlement': the manufactured precarity and uncertainty of refugeehood in Greece and its impact on young lives	CITIZEN SCIENCE Chair: Clara Holzinger Karola Cafantaris, Anke Grotlüschen and Klaus Buddeberg Right-wing influences regarding community education centres in Germany: a qualitative Citizen Science study Clara Holzinger and Anna-Katharina Draxl Interpreting ethnoracial exclusion - including multiple perspectives through Citizen Science Ayshah Mammadzada Climate-induced skilled migration from the global south to the global north: resilience, identity and responses to anti-democratic challenges	ROUND TABLE 1. Sergio Carvajal Leoni The beating heart of America: an entertainment-education model for bridging cultures	OPEN SESSION Chair: Tetyana Hoggan-Kloubert Migration Debates and Political Polarization: A Global Perspective" – Reflection on how migration issues influence political discussions worldwide, contributing to polarization, and shaping policy decisions and educational realities.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break			

13:30 - 15:30	Parallel session 6 (120 min)			
	ROUND TABLE 2 Norma Mercado, Taiwo Olatunji and Cheri Hatcher Migration as transformation: empowering migrants through education and resilience to shape inclusive societies	ROUND TABLE 3 Genevieve Ritchie and Sara Carpenter Accessing post-secondary: markets, migration, and elided education	PANEL 1 Chair: Ayhan Kaya, Ergün Özgür Güneş Koç, Mustafa Şener, Bahar Ayça Okçuoğlu, Ergün Özgür Critical contributions, transnational networks, political activism and continuous education: diasporas, immigrants and refugees	PANEL 2 María do Mar Castro Varela, Meral Apak, Müjgan Şenel, Zafer Yılmaz Exiled academics as parrhesiastes: a challenge to 'national' adult education
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break			
16:00 - 17:30	Closing session & Network meeting			
18:00 - 19:30	Social activity: Walking tour: Migration in Graz Meeting point: Hauptplatz (city square), in front of the town hall			



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