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6th International Conference of the ESREA Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms Network

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22-23 May, 2025

University of Graz, Austria WALL Building (Merangasse 70, 8010 Graz)

Programme

DAY 1 (Thursday, 22.05.2025)

Time	Session A	Session B	Session C
08:30 - 09:30	Registration		
09:30 - 10:00	Opening remarks (MR 33.0.010, GR): 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 (MR 33.0.010, GR) 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 (SR 33.2.002, 2nd Fl.)	Session B (SR 33.2.204, 2nd Fl.)	Session C (MR 33.0.010, GF)
	Parallel session 1		
11:30 – 13:00	EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC CAREER MOBILITY <i>Chair: Eugena Kwon</i> 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 <i>Chair: Helga Ramsey-Kurz</i> 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 <i>Chair: Heike Wendt</i> 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		

Time	Session A (SR 33.2.002, 2nd Fl.)	Session B (SR 33.2.204, 2nd Fl.)	Session C (MR 33.0.010, GF)
	Parallel session 2		
14:00 – 15:30	POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS <i>Chair: Michael Bernhard</i> 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 <i>Chair: Emily Dobrich</i> 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 Annette Sprung Migration, ageing and caring societies	EDUCATORS AND LEARNING <i>Chair: Marcin Starnawski</i> 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		

Time	Session A (SR 33.2.002, 2nd Fl.)	Session B (SR 33.2.204, 2nd Fl.)	Session C (MR 33.0.010, GF)
	Parallel session 3		
16:00 - 17:30	MIGRATION AND (CULTURAL) IDENTITIES <i>Chair: Grete Erckmann</i> Mehmet Rauf Kesici 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 Grete Erckmann Migration – social inequality – conduct of everyday life: identity negotiation and social participation of youths with migration (family) experiences in Germany Paulus Bagus Sugiyono Educational mobility, ethnicity, and sense of belonging as a nation: a preliminary note on the case study of Perantau students in Yogyakarta, Indonesia	ALTERNATIVE LEARNING <i>Chair: Brigitte Kukovetz</i> Brigitte Kukovetz Civic learning through alternative perspectives on border and migration regimes Karen M. Magro Encouraging global competencies and transcultural learning in a time of conflict: encouraging pedagogies of peace and creativity Martina Nordqvist Färnskog 5 Ventures for learning: migrant capability and church language cafés	MEDIA AND NARRATIVES <i>Chair: Angela Pilch Ortega</i> Patrycja Rozbicka and Aleksandra Matyja Visual narratives of migration: comparative analysis of media coverage in Poland during the 2015 and 2022 refugee crises Angela Pilch Ortega Countering anti-democratic tendencies and disinformation on social media: an exploration of collaborative activism on X in view of increasing uncertainty Enrico Vignando and Davide Zoletto AI literacies in superdiverse adult education
	Free time		
19:00	Conference dinner: Zur Steirerstub'n (Lendplatz 8, 8020 Graz)		

DAY 2 (Friday, 23.05.2025)

Time	Session A (MR 33.0.010, GF)	Session B (SR 33.2.204, 2nd Fl.)	Session C (SR 33.2.002, 2nd Fl.)
08:30 – 09:00	Morning coffee and registration		
	Parallel session 4		
9:00 - 10:30	MIGRATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM <i>Chair: Nikolaos Psochios</i> 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 Psochios Endurance work: refugees' tactics of living sideways in contemporary Greece	AUTOETHNOGRAPHY AND BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVES <i>Chair: Ülkü Güney</i> 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	GOVERNANCE AND REGIMES <i>Chair: Kirstin Sonne</i> 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
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break		

Time	Session A (SR 33.2.204, 2nd Fl.)	Session B (MR 33.0.010, GF)	Session C (SR 33.2.002, 2nd Fl.)
	Parallel session 5		
11:00 - 12:30	CITIZEN SCIENCE <i>Chair: Clara Holzinger</i> 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	PANEL 2 <i>Chair: to be announced</i> Meral Apak, María do Mar Castro Varela, Müjgan Şenel and Zafer Yılmaz Exiled academics as parrhesiastes: a challenge to 'national' adult education	OPEN SESSION <i>Chair: Tetyana Hoggan-Kloubert</i> 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		

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	Parallel session 6 (120 min)			
13:30 - 15:30	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 <i>Chair: Ülkü Güney</i> <i>Discussant: Ergün Özgür</i> Ergün Özgür, Bahar Ayça Okçuoğlu, Mustafa Şener and Güneş Koç Critical contributions, transnational networks, political activism and continuous education: diasporas, immigrants and refugees	ROUND TABLE 1 Sergio Carvajal Leoni The beating heart of America: an entertainment-education model for bridging cultures
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break			
16:00 - 17:30	Closing session and Network meeting (MR 33.0.010, GR)			
18:00 - 19:30	Social activity: Graz walking tour Meeting point: Hauptplatz, in front of the town hall			

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