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Academic Mobility and Transnational Knowledge Brokerage through a Lens of Intersecting Social Inequalities

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‘Internationalization’ is often understood as something to be celebrated and accomplished, increasingly connected with ‘excellence’. I will address two main aspects of international mobility of academics and graduate students. I will first evaluate the lack of meso-organizational approaches in the study of academic mobility. While the existing research has primarily examined the motivations and drivers of mobile students - and to a lesser extent those of academics -, less emphasis has been placed so far on the role of organizations. The organizational actors in question here are particular units of HEIs, such as the International Office, student recruitment agencies, and funding agencies. It can be argued that these organizations shape the mobility of academic and knowledge as “brokers” in Simmel’s sense, connecting academics and employers/graduate school transnationally. Secondly, I examine some of the ways in which social inequalities such as gender, citizenship, racialization are being (re-)produced, and challenged in an expected way, in their intersection with the process of transnational brokerage. Social inequalities have been one of the key concepts in studies that examine migration into ‘less-skilled’ sectors. By contrast, the issue of social inequalities is just about to enter the discussion in highly skilled migration/mobility scholarship. In what ways can intersecting social inequalities manifest themselves? What kind of contradictory effects of inequalities are produced by internationalization of HEIs and transnational brokerage?

Zur Vortragenden

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