Transnationalism has become a useful lens for investigating processes of migration, mobility and social support. In recent years, efforts have been made to broaden the concept encouraging an examination of these issues from multiple and interdisciplinary points of view. The conference presents varied insights emerging from interdisciplinary empirical research and theoretical perspectives on mobility, migration and in particular social support in transnational contexts.

LOCATION AND DATE
The Conference will take place on 2-3 March 2017 at

Erbacher Hof
Akademie & Tagungszentrum des Bistums Mainz
Grebenstraße 24–26
55116 Mainz (Germany)

Directions to the conference venue can be downloaded here: http://transsos.com/

PARTICIPATION
Please register by 10.02.2017 via email:
rtg@transsos.com

The registration fee is €50 (€25 for students) and includes dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday, and drinks. Much to our regret, we will not be able to fund travel costs or accommodation.

For further information and registration details, please contact: rtg@transsos.com (Verena Neebe).

ORGANISATION
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THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017

12.30 – 01.00 p.m. Registration

01.00 – 01.30 p.m. Welcome and Opening

Mechthild Dreyer (Vicepresident, U of Mainz)
Gregor Daschmann (Dean of the Faculty Social Sciences, Media and Sports, U of Mainz) tbc
Matthias Witte (Director Institut of Education, U of Mainz)
Wolfgang Schröer (U of Hildesheim) & Cornella Schwepppe (U of Mainz) (Directors of the RTG Transnational Social Support)

01.30 – 02.30 p.m. Keynote

Anna Korteweg (U of Toronto): The Failures of “Immigrant Integration”: The Racialized Gendered Production of Non-Belonging

02.30 – 03.00 p.m. Coffee Break

03.00 – 05.00 p.m. PANEL 1

Digital Nomads, Couchsurfers and Transnational Couples: Constructions of Social Encounters and Relationships in a Mobile Context

A role play with theoretical input: “Encounter above the Clouds”

Discussion groups:
Michaela Benson (Goldsmiths U of London), Annika Müller (U of Mainz) and Maria Schube (U of Hildesheim): Constructions of Identity in the Context of Digital Nomadism and Marriage Migration
Ramiro Segura (UNSAM Buenos Aires) and Agnetha Bartels (U of Hildesheim): Reflections on Transnational Urban Spaces: Mobility, Communitization and Cosmopolitanism

05.00 – 05.15 p.m. Coffee Break

05.15 – 06.45 p.m. Cultural Event

Exhibition by panel participants
Performance by “Künstlerduo Schmitt&Schulz”, Performance Art Depot, Mainz

08.00 p.m. Get-Together

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH 2017

09.00 – 10.30 a.m. PANEL 2

Discourse Perspectives on NGOs: Interventions in and Representations of Africa

Aram Ziai (U of Kassel): Discourse Analysis of “Development”: Postcolonial Perspectives
Fanny Petermann (U of Hildesheim): The Illness Discourse in the Context of Interventions in African Countries

Moderator: Lucia Artner (U of Hildesheim)

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 p.m. PANEL 3

Higher Education, Labour Markets and Care in Contexts of Migration

Sonja Klaus (U of Hildesheim): Perspectives on Biographical Constructions of Refugees in Higher Education in Germany
Hannes Schammann (U of Hildesheim): Current Developments in German Refugee Policies in the Fields of Education and the Labour Market
Stefanie Visel (U of Hildesheim): Organizational Practices in the Recognition of Foreign Credentials: the Example of Nursing and Care
Suzan Yazici (Akdeniz U Antalya): Aging, Health and Migration in the Eyes of Turkish Immigrants Living in Denmark

Moderator: Gunther Graßhoff (U of Hildesheim)

12.30 – 01.30 p.m. Lunch Break

01.30 – 03.30 p.m. PANEL 4

Bodies in Virtual and Physical Spaces of (Non-)Copresence

Lisa Albrecht (U of Mainz): Presence in the Making: Intimate Relationships at a Distance
Eveline Reisenauer (U of Hildesheim): Transnationality in Migrant Families
Britta Buschmann (U of Mainz): Positioning Bodies in Transnational Adoption
Claudia Olivier-Mensah (U of Mainz): The Transnationalism-Return Nexus

Performatve Lecture: Jeremy Bailey (Toronto): Transnationality, Mediarity, Corporeality

Discussant: Anastasia Christou (Middlesex U London): Embodiment and Belonging

Moderator & Commentator: Ruba Totah (U of Mainz): Body and Performance

03.30 – 04.00 a.m. Coffee Break

04.00 – 06.00 p.m. PANEL 5

Forms and Dynamics of Informal Social Support in Transnational Contexts/Settings

Tolgonai Kozhoeva (U of Hildesheim): Toi as a Social Support Practice Among Kyrgyz Migrants and Their Families in a Transnational Context
Kusuma Haklin (U of Mainz): Understanding Thai Migrant Wives in Germany in Terms of Family Remittance in a Cultural Context
Edward Omeni (U of Mainz): The Meaning of Violence: Appraisal and Coping of International Students in Poland

Ángela M. Beltrán Hernández (U of Hildesheim): Individual and Social Constructions of Victims of War

Discussants:
Philipp Schröder (Humboldt U of Berlin)
Emil Nasridinov (American U of Central Asia, Bishkek)
Wolfgang Schröer (U of Hildesheim)
Cornella Schwepppe (U of Mainz)
Gunther Graßhoff (U of Hildesheim)

Moderators: Edward Omeni and Tolgonai Kozhoeva

06.00 – 06.30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Elisabeth Tuider (U of Kassel) tbc
Stephan Wolff (U of Hildesheim)