International Workshop

MOBILITY WITHIN AND TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH:

ALTERNATIVE HISTORIES, LABOUR POLICIES, AND CITIZENSHIP REGIMES

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One of the current trends of international migration is its reorientation towards new geographical destinations. These alternative topographies can be seen in the context of global transitions to a new multipolar world order, in which European and North American destinations gradually lose their force of attraction.

Entry into the so-called Global North has become highly restricted, controlling state practices are applied more rigidly, and expressions of xenophobia and Islamophobia are more common than ever before. Hence, migrants – or those aspiring towards migration – search for promising opportunities in other geographical areas, such as destinations in the so-called Global South, which may attract not only individuals from within the Global South but also from the Global North.

Often, historical linkages or practical and legal conditions of entry and stay in a country may influence a migrant's choice. Different countries follow different objectives in devising their migration and labour policies, and apply alternative forms of entry control and access to citizenship. From a migrant's perspective, some countries may be particularly attractive because of visa procedures, employment options, business opportunities or educational programmes. Others may offer familiar social and religious networks. At the same time, however, we observe new forms of exclusion and racism.

It is the aim of this workshop to bring together different case studies of mobility within the Global South as well as North-South migration, and to pay special attention to: theoretical and conceptual frameworks for studying mobility within and to the Global South (1), education and labour policies (2), migration law and citizenship regimes (3), integration into social and religious networks (4).

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