

Mobilities and belonging

Research seminar, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

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Description :

Mobility, in its various forms, is a constituent element of contemporary societies, both a vector and a result of major social changes. Migrations, professional circulations, exiles, diasporas, returns: the term mobility covers a wide range of forms of movement, as well as different relationships to time and space. Building on different researchers' fieldwork, this seminar will analyse the epistemological challenges of mobility and the forms of belonging that accompany it. On the one hand, it will critically question the theoretical apparatus of mobility studies, examining the construction and use of concepts such as migration and mobility; globalisation and long-distance localism; transnational and transregional; regimes of mobility and immobility, etc. On the other hand, this seminar will analyse the multiple forms of belonging that accompany these mobilities, before, during and after displacement. It will therefore question the way in which different kinds of identification and identity assignment are constructed and the way in which they interact with the actors' multiple affiliations. We will examine the identifications implemented by institutions (States, governmental and inter-governmental bodies) and the identity assignments built in social interaction. We will also consider the different scales of belonging of individuals in relation to the multiple spaces in which their experience unfolds (the country or region of departure, arrival, transit and return).

The sessions of January and February 2021 will be held exclusively online. If the health situation permits, the other sessions will be held in hybrid mode: both online and in person at the Centre de la Vieille Charité, EHESS, Marseille Campus.

2021 Programme

January 4, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : Nancy Green, Centre de Recherches Historiques, EHESS Paris, « Le transnationalisme en question ».

Discussant : Constance de Gourcy, Aix-Marseille Université, LAMES

Online session :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>

February 4, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : Irène Dos Santos, URMIS, CNRS, Université Paris Diderot, « Le retour de Portugais dans l'Angola post-colonial : quelles mobilités et pour quelles appartenances ? ».

Discussant : Cyril Isnart, CNRS, IDEMEC

Online session :

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March 11, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : **Michèle Baussant**, Institut des Sciences Sociales du Politique, CNRS, Université Paris Nanterre, « **Matrices coloniales, diasporas inversées et constellations égyptiennes : une ethnographie multisituée des Juifs d’Egypte** ».

Discussant : Isabelle Grangaud, CNRS, CNE.

Link :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>

April 1, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: **Christian Joppke**, University of Bern, « **The Rise of Earned Citizenship** ».

Discussant : Virginie Baby-Collin, Aix-Marseille Université, TELEMMe.

Link :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>

April 15, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : **Seth Holmes**, University of California Berkeley, « **Difference, Border, Gaze: Indigenous Oaxacalifornia Migrant Youth and Self Presentation** », film screening and debate.

Discussant : Delphine Mercier, CNRS, LEST.

Link :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>

May 20, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : **Thomas Faist**, Bielefeld University, « **Exit. A New Agenda for Migration Research** ».

Discussant : Pierre Sintès, Aix-Marseille Université, TELEMMe.

Link :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>

June 3, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM : **Jon Fox**, University of Bristol, « **Everyday Integration: The Local Contexts, Practices, and Mobilities of Integration** ».

Discussant : Lisa Antéby-Yemini, CNRS, IDEMEC.

Link :

<https://zoom.us/j/99442886237?pwd=aEdDZzNneEpmcW93S3lSc0piQjNDZz09>