

## Mobilities and Transnationalism in the 21st Century

*University of Iceland, 28-30 April, 2019*

Closing conference of the project "Mobilities and Transnational Iceland", founded by Rannís, the Icelandic Centre for Research.

Conference venue: Hotel Radisson Blu Saga, Hagatorg, 107 Reykjavik

### Program

#### Sunday, 28.04

- 14:00 Registration, Hotel Radisson SAS, at Hagatorg (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 17:00 – 17:15 Opening of the conference: **Daði Már Kristófersson**, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at the University of Iceland, Professor in Economics  
Chair: **Kristín Loftsdóttir**, Professor in Anthropology, University of Iceland  
Room: Katla 2
- 17:15 – 18:15 Keynote lecture: **Mimi Sheller**, Professor of Sociology, Drexel University  
**Can there be transnational mobility justice?**
- 18:15 – 19:30 Welcome reception

#### Monday, 29.04

- 9:00 – 10:00 Keynote lecture: **Liz Fekete**, Director of the Institute of Race Relations  
**The economy of racism and the creation of a hostile environment for migrants and refugees**  
Chair: **Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir**, Professor in Anthropology, University of Iceland  
Room: Katla 2
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Parallel sessions 1

##### **1.1 Mobilities and methodologies**

Open to all and required for PhD workshop participants

Chair: **Sigurjón Baldur Hafsteinsson**, *University of Iceland*

**Sharon Roseman**, *Memorial University, Canada*

Something Told, Something Heard: Storytelling and Ethnographic Practice

**José Luis Molina González**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*, **Miranda J. Lubbers**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*, **Ashton Verdery**, *PennState College of the Liberal Arts*

Social Networks and Transnational Social Fields: Taking Stock and Moving Forward

## 1.2 The Power of Narratives: Democracy and Media in Political Turmoil I

Chair: **Guðmundur Hálfðánarson**, *University of Iceland*

**Ben Pitcher**, *University of Westminster*

Truths about immigration and race: epistemologies of right wing populism

**Gwenaëlle Bauvois** and **Niko Pyrhönen**, *University of Helsinki*

“The Whole World’s Welfare Desk” and other Transnational Anti-Immigration Narratives on Deservingness

**Suvi Keskinen**, *University of Helsinki*

Rewriting National Narratives and Politics of Belonging in Postethnic Activism

## 1.3 Insiders/outside and intersecting employment-related geographical mobility regimes

Chair: **Pauline Gardiner Barber**, *Dalhousie University*

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Filipinos Here and There: Making "the best of Canada

**Belinda Leach**, *University of Guelph*

Troubling essentialized migration binaries

**Catherine Bryan**, *Dalhousie University*

Migrant Maternalism: Social reproduction and the production of migrant subjectivity in Rural Manitoba

**Adam J. Perry**, *St. Francis Xavier University*

No white picket fences? Transnational labour migration and the affective renegotiation of ‘home’

## 1.4 Mobilities in the tourist industry

Chair: **Gunnar Þór Jóhannesson**, *University of Iceland*

**Margrét Wendt**, **Gunnar Þór Jóhannesson** and **Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Migrant workers in the Icelandic tourism industry

**Magnfríður Júlíusdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Labour migrants in tourism – challenges for labour unions in Iceland

**Gudbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir** and **Jónína Einarsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Free voluntarists or exploited young people?

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel session 2

## 2.1 Transnational social spaces and media engagements

Chair: **Kjartan Sveinsson**, *University of Iceland*

**Mari Toivanen**, *University of Helsinki*

Second generation's migrant capital in the transnational social fields

**Sigrún K. Valsdóttir**, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & University of Iceland*

Belonging here and there and there: How social media affects the transnational lives of Spaniards in Iceland

**Olena Nedozhogina**, *University of Tartu*

Transnational Digital Practices in the Conflict Setting: The Case of Ukraine

**Lara Hoffmann**, *University of Akureyri*

Expressing transnationalism through media and the arts: the case of immigrants in Iceland

## 2.2 The Power of Narratives: Democracy and Media in Political Turmoil II

Chair: **Guðmundur Hálfðánarson**, *University of Iceland*

**Marta Araújo**, *University of Coimbra*

One picture, eight thousand words: the King's Fountain and the narratives of intercultural nationalism in Portugal

**Brigitte Hipfl**, *University of Klagenfurt*

Female Sex Tourism in Paradise Love

**Kristín Loftsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

"Experience the Wonder": Creating Nordic Whiteness Through Tourist Promotional Material

**Ameil Joseph**, *McMaster University*

Invocations of historical colonial, racial, ableist, sanist tropes in contemporary anti-immigration discourse

## 2.3 Insiders/outside and intersecting employment-related geographical mobility regimes

Chair: **Pauline Gardiner Barber**, *Dalhousie University*

**Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau**, *Université du Québec à Montréal*

Who, How and How Much? Private Recruiters and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program in Canada

**Barbara Neis**, *Memorial University*

Breaking down the Binary: Layers of Vulnerability among Internally and Internationally Mobile Workers in the Canadian Context

**Solène Gautron**, *Heidelberg University (Yale University Exchange Student)*

Compound, Living Under Construction. A spatial Approach to the Phenomenon of Chinese Exported and Transient Labor.

## 2.4 Kinship and family relations

Chair: **Guðbjörg Ottósdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

**Marta Buler**, *University of Social Sciences and Humanities*

Social remittances into family life – case study of the return migrants and their families

**Irina Kretser**, *St. Petersburg State University*

Siblingship at Distance: Relatedness, Ruptures and Negotiations in Translocal Social Space

**Stéphanie Barillé**, *University of Iceland*

Reimagining the family and the migrant in transnational research in Iceland

**Jónína Einarsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Seasonal migration of Icelandic children: the importance of work

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30 Parallel sessions 3

## 3.1 Transnational Narratives between East and West Europe

Chair: **Marek Pawlak**, *Jagiellonian University*

**Heidi Erbsen**, *University of Tartu*

European Identity(?) or Convenient Alternative: Rethinking Political Practices of Russian Speaking Minority Groups in the UE

**Elina Apsite – Berina, Zaiga Krisjane, Guido Sechi, Maris Berzins, Liga Feldmane & Girts Burgmanis**, *University of Latvia*

Formation of Regional Identity: evidence from the European Union

**Mette Ginnerkov-Dahlberg**, *Uppsala University*

Becoming Eastern European in 'the West' – exploring the narratives of students from EU's newer member states in Denmark

**Aleksandra Winiarska and Justyna Salamońska**, *University of Warsaw*

Multiple moves and multiple places – transnational experiences of Polish migrants worldwide

### 3.2 Poverty, environment and forced mobility

Chair: **James Gordon Rice**, University of Iceland

**Cristiano d'Orsi**, *University of Johannesburg*

Castes system in Africa: when poverty deserves refugee status

**Póra Björnsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Rights and emotional experiences of child migrants in Ghana

**Hamadou Boiro** and **Jónína Einarsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Circulation of Bissau-Guinean Quran school boys between Senegal and Guinea-Bissau

**Artem S. Lukyanets** and **Galina N. Ochirova**, *Russian Academy of Sciences*

Theoretical and Methodological Issues in Environmental Migration Research

### 3.3 Memories, images and places

Chair: To be announced

**Ignacio Fradejas-García**, *Autonomous University of Barcelona*

Travelling with Refugees: Participant Observation on the Move

**Charishma Ratnam** and **Danielle Drozdowski**, *University of New South Wales, Australia*

Making a detour: how journeys influence everyday encounters with memory, identity and place

**Corinna Angela Di Stefano**, *University of Konstanz*

Health Mobilities - Crossing Borders for One's Life

**Árdís K. Ingvarsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

The social butterfly: Hunted Subjectivities among Male Refugees

### 3.4 Families and transnational care

Chair: To be announced

**Lenka Formankova**, *Czech Academy of Sciences*, **Ásdís Arnalds** & **Guðný Björk Eydal**, *University of Iceland*

Care arrangements in context of EU migration: comparative study of Czech and Icelandic families' work-family reconciliation strategies

**Sanna Saksela-Bergholm**, *University of Helsinki*

Creating Informal Social Protection among Filipino Transnational Families

**Guðbjörg Ottósdóttir**, **Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir** and **Snæfríður Þóra Egilson**, *University of Iceland*

Families with children with disabilities

**Hanna Ragnarsdóttir** and **Susan Rafik Hama**, *University of Iceland*

Refugee families in Iceland: Opportunities and challenges in transnational contexts

19:00 – 21:00 Conference dinner: Restaurant Reykjavik (Vesturgata 2)

## Tuesday, 30.04

9:00 – 10:00 Keynote lecture: **Sharon Macdonald**, Professor of Social Anthropology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

### Mobilising Heritage

Chair: **Sigurjón Baldur Hafsteinsson**, Professor in Museology, University of Iceland

Room: Katla 2

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Parallel sessions 4

#### 4.1 Heritage, material culture and representations

Chair: **Sigurjón Baldur Hafsteinsson**, *University of Iceland*

**Vivian Gornik**, *University of West Georgia*

The Impact of Tourism on the Ability of Heritage Sites to (Re)Produce Contemporary National Identities:  
Theoretical Implications for Heritage in the 21st Century

**Arndís Bergsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

The unremarkable everydayness of object-human relations

**Katla Kjartansdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

"These people are just trying to make a warm home in our cold country"

**Marianne Fibiger**, *Aarhus University*

Young Sri Lankan Tamil Hindu women in Denmark and their negotiation between global and local understanding of Hindu women hood

#### 4.2 Sexuality research and reproductive mobilities

Chair: **Susan Frohlick**, *University of British Columbia*

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Singularities and Becoming [Kin] in Reproductive Mobilities

**Sebastian Mohr**, *Karlstad University*

Regimes of intimate (im)mobility: Danish donor semen, masturbation, and biomedical control

**Kristin Lozanski**, *King's University College at Western University*

Managing reproduction, managing labour: Im/mobilities and migrant farm workers

**Linda Sólvéigar-Guðmundsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

LGBTQ+ Border Crossings and Experiences of (Un)Belonging

#### 4.3 Inclusive society on the margins

Chair: **Stéphanie Barillé**, *University of Iceland*

**Elke Murdock**, *University of Luxembourg*

Multicultural society - multiple ways to negotiate identity

**Markus Meckl**, *University of Akureyri* and **Stéphanie Barillé**, *University of Iceland*

Understanding immigrant women underemployment in Northern Iceland

**Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir** and **Ólöf Garðarsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

Becoming an immigration country: Demographic changes in Iceland in the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Eyrún Eypórsdóttir**, *University of Akureyri*

Mobility and transnational Iceland – diversity education for police students

#### 4.4 Discourses, negotiations and interactions

Chair: **Helgi Gunnlaugsson**, *University of Iceland*

**Kristján Þór Sigurðsson**, *University of Iceland*

Travelling faith: transnational context from Iceland

**Lorenzo Piccoli** and **Didier Ruedin**, *European University Institute and University of Neuchâtel*

Evidence for Transnational Political Engagement at the Local Level Evidence for Transnational Political Engagement at the Local Level

**Alyssa Marie Veliquette**, *University of South-Eastern Norway*

Nativism and Asylum-Seekers: 'Dangerous' Illegal Immigrants at the United States Southern Border

**Þóroddur Bjarnason**, *University of Akureyri*, **Ian Shuttleworth**, *Queen's University, Belfast*, **Clifford**

**Stevenson**, *Nottingham Trent University* & **Markus Meckl**, *University of Akureyri*

Predictors of tolerance towards immigrants in Northern Iceland

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel session 5

### 5.1 Mobility and culture politics

Chair: **Arndís Bergsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

**Ólafur Rastrick**, *University of Iceland*

Foreign driftage: On the politics of cultural reception in 20th century Iceland

**Geir Gunnlaugsson**, *University of Iceland*

Children's Summer Stays at Farms in Iceland: A Class-Neutral Custom?

**Kristinn Schram**, *University of Iceland*

Mobility on transarctic and transnational shores

**Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez**, *University of Buenos Aires*

Migrations and the extreme: Some case analysis (Chilean immigration to Argentine Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, and Mexican immigration to Los Angeles city in US)

### 5.2 Migrants trajectories in the receiving states

Chair: To be announced

**Georgia Sarikoudi**, **Christos Tsarouchidis**, **Triantafyllia Kavazidou** and **Gkolfo Tserga**, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

Refugee routes and networks from the boat to the apartment. An anthropological approach

**Yvonne Riaño**, **Christina Mittmasser**, **Laure Sandoz** and **Etienne Piguet**, *University of Neuchâtel*

What is the Potential of Studying Migrant Entrepreneurship from the Perspectives of Mobility and the Transnational Turn?

**Elva Björt Stefánsdóttir** and **Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir**, *University of Iceland*

The live and experiences of refugees after being granted asylum

**Gry Paulgaard**, *UiT The Arctic University of Norway*

Refugee integration and rural resilience

### 5.3 Lifestyle migration versus labour mobility

Chair: **Margrét Sigrún Sigurðardóttir**, *University of Iceland*

**Melissa Kelly**, *Carleton University*

Mobility, Transnationalism and Retirement: A Study of Canadian Snowbirds in Florida

**Yana Yovcheva**

The (im)mobilities of Japanese lifestyle migrants in Austria and Bulgaria

**Ewa Cichocka**, *University of Warsaw*

Integration of Polish immigrant professionals in Berlin, Amsterdam, London and Dublin: efforts and opportunities

**Bóra H. Christiansen**, **Jurgita Motiejunaite**, **Inga Minelgaite** & **Erla S. Kristjánsdóttir**, *University of Iceland*

"It's good to work here": The expectations and experiences of Lithuanians working for a temporary work agency in Iceland.

14:30 – 15:00 Closing of the conference