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 (2nd floor)
17:00 – 17:15  Opening of the conference: Daði Már Kristofersson, 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 Hálfdánarson, 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/outsiders 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 Pór Jóhannesson, University of Iceland

Margrét Wendt, Gunnar Pór 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 Einarsson, 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. Valdóttir, 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 Hálfdánarson, 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

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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

Soline Gautron, Heidelberg University (Yale University Exchange Student)

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 Ginnerskov-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

Þóra 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-Garcia, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Travelling with Refugees: Participant Observation on the Move

Charishma Ratnam and Danielle Drozdzewski, 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 Björg 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 Ottósóttir, Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir and Snæfríður Þóra Egilson, University of Iceland
Families with children with disabilities

Hanna Ragnarsson 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
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Mobilising Heritage
Chair: Sigurjón Baldur Hafsteinsson, Professor in Museology, University of Iceland
Room: Katla 2

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break
### 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

**Arnór 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 womanhood

### 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

**Kristín Lozanski, King's University College at Western University**
- Managing reproduction, managing labour: Im/mobilities and migrant farm workers

**Linda Sólveigar-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 21st Century

**Eyrún Eyþórsdóttir, 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**, **Triantafrilia 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**, University of Carleton
   - 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

**Þóra 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