



TRANSNATIONAL  
SOCIAL SUPPORT

DFG Research Training Group 1474 University Mainz  
University Hildesheim

## 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/>

## FINAL PROGRAMME

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.

## PARTICIPATION

Please register by **10.02.2017** via email:  
[rtg@transsos.com](mailto: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](mailto:rtg@transsos.com) (Verena Neebe).

## ORGANISATION

Research Training Group “Transnational Social Support”, financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) and located at the University of Hildesheim Foundation and University of Mainz.

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International Conference  
2-3 March 2017  
Mainz (Germany)

**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) &  
**Cornelia Schweppe** (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****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

**Alia Herz-Jakoby** (U of Hildesheim):  
“Africa” in the Visual Discourse of Development Organisations

**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

Performative Lecture: **Jeremy Bailey** (Toronto):  
Transnationality. Mediality. 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 Kozhueva** (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 Nasritdinov** (American U of Central Asia, Bishkek)  
**Wolfgang Schröer** (U of Hildesheim)  
**Cornelia Schweppe** (U of Mainz)  
**Gunther Graßhoff** (U of Hildesheim)

Moderators: Edward Omeni and Tolgonai Kozhueva

**06.00 – 06.30 p.m. Closing Remarks**

**Elisabeth Tuidter** (U of Kassel) tbc  
**Stephan Wolff** (U of Hildesheim)