

Programme

In view of global developments, the future challenges faced by social support systems can no longer be met by relationships and structures of support that are limited to individual nations or societies. Nation states and their key institutions are losing their importance due to increasing social, cultural, political, and economic border crossings that connect formerly different social worlds together. Social support is highly influenced by these transnational developments. However, social support research is just at its beginning to systematically reflect the concept of transnationalisation. The Conference therefore offers a forum to discuss the challenges and processes of transnational social support. It will look at it from the perspective of transmigration as well as in the context of transnational organizations. It aims at the transnational opening of social support research and to discuss its consequences for social work to extend its so far widely nationally shaped legitimation, concepts, research, and methods.

In a circle of internationally renowned scholars from Canada, Taiwan, Australia, the USA, South Korea, India and from different European countries members of the research training group will discuss the results of their research on transnational social support.

The programme includes plenary lectures, four panels, a "round table" and a poster session, in which PhD students and post docs from different disciplines and countries will present their dissertation projects (see below). The language of the Conference will be English.

Call for Posters

The poster session provides an interdisciplinary forum for PhD students and post docs to present their current research projects. If you wish to participate please submit an abstract (max. 500 words) to: call-for-posters@transnationalsupport.de. The application deadline is July 15, 2011. Applicants will be notified if their poster has been accepted by July 30, 2011.

Location and date

The Conference will take place **October 4-5, 2011** at Erbacher Hof; Akademie & Tagungszentrum des Bistums Mainz; Grebenstraße 24-26, 55116 Mainz (Germany). How to reach the Conference place can be downloaded here: www.transnationalsupport.de.

Participation

Please register by August 30, 2011 via the application form available on our website at: www.transnationalsupport.de. A fee of 50 € (students 25 €) will be raised. The fee includes the dinner on Tuesday, the lunch on Wednesday and drinks. Much to our regret, we will not be able to fund travel costs or accommodation. For organisational questions please contact: ertl@uni-mainz.de.

Organisation

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Social Support
on the Move

Transnational
Social Work

International Conference

Programme and
Call for Posters

Day 1

12:15-13:00

Registration

13:00-13:30

Conference Opening

13:30-14:30

Opening Lecture

Prof. Dr. Rhacel Salazar Parreñas
University of Southern California, USA

14.30-15:00

Break

15:00-17:30

Parallel Session I

Panel 1

Transnational migrant networks and social support

Andreas Herz: Patterns of transnational social support – personal communities of German migrants in Great Britain

Claudia Olivier: Transnational 'return'? – Migration biographies and transnational social networks of highly skilled Ghanaian remigrants

Hauke Jan Rolf: Local and transnational social support networks of Nicaraguan migrants within Costa Rica's metropolitan area

Discussants

Prof. Dr. Silvia Domínguez
Northeastern University, Boston, USA

Prof. Dr. Valentina Mazzucato
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Chair: Prof. Dr. Luann Good Gingrich
York University, Toronto, Canada

Panel 2

Youth and families across borders

Anja Wrulich & Katharina Mangold: 'Families' beyond and across borders – Young people and their social relationships

Kathrin Klein: Second generation belongingness – Generation, migration and transnationalism

Yvonne Bach: Exchange processes of transnational families: the example of Indonesian domestic workers in Singapore and their families 'left-behind'

Dr. Elke Kaufmann: Thai-Western marriage and relationships

Discussants

Dr. Thomas Geisen
University of Applied Sciences
Northwestern Switzerland, Switzerland

Dr. Nicola Piper
University of Freiburg, Germany

Chair: Dr. Kyoko Shinozaki
University of Frankfurt a. M., Germany

17:30-17:45

Break

17:45-18:30

Poster Session

presented by young academics from different countries and PhD students of the Research Training Group

18:30-19:30

Lecture

Prof. Dr. Adrienne Chambon, University of Toronto, Canada
Chair: Prof. Dr. Wendy Smith, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Dinner & Evening Programme

October 4

Day 2

09:00-10:00

Lecture

Prof. Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise
President of the International Network
on Migration and Development (Mexico)

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-12:45

Parallel Session II

Panel 3

Organising transnational social support

Katrin Fröhlich & Jan Steinhöfel: Credit or grant? Microfinance and unconditional income as innovations in development cooperation

Nadin Tetschlag & Andreas Steinert: Creating pathways by walking them. Dilemmas and patterns of action in development cooperation

Discussants

Prof. Adj. PD Berthold Kuhn
Free University of Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Christian Reutlinger
University of Applied Sciences St. Gallen, Switzerland

Chair: Dr. Eberhard Raitelhuber
University of Mainz, Germany

Panel 4

Transnationalism – Challenges for social work

Anne Duschka: Transnational dimensions of support – The example of a Brazilian women's self-organization in Germany

Johanna Krawietz: Migration and care – The role of recruitment agencies

Nicole Himmelbach: Protected object or legal entity? Children's perceptions of participation in projects against child trafficking

Lena Huber: Imagined communities, dreams and rituals – the importance of transnational symbolic ties for refugees in Germany

Discussants

Prof. Dr. Rich Furman
University of Washington, USA

Prof. Dr. Susan McGrath
York University, Toronto, Canada

Chair: Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheiwe
University of Hildesheim Foundation, Germany

12:45-13:30

Lunch Break

13:30-15:00

"Round table discussion": Social Support on the Move - Transnational Social Work

Prof. Dr. Erica Righard, Malmö University, Sweden

Prof. Miriam Samuel, Madras Christian College, India

Prof. Dr. Andreas Walther, University of Frankfurt a.M., Germany

Prof. Dr. Frank Wang, University of Taipei, Taiwan

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ernie Lightman, University of Toronto, Canada

15:00-15:15

Break

15:15-16:00

Lecture

Prof. Dr. Jason Pribilsky, Whitman College, Walla Walla, USA

16:00-16:30

Conclusions

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Schröer & Prof. Dr. Cornelia Schweppe
(University of Hildesheim Foundation & University of Mainz, Germany)

October 5