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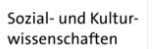
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Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

BMBF Project MigInG
Migration, Diversity
and Institutional Change
in the STEM Field

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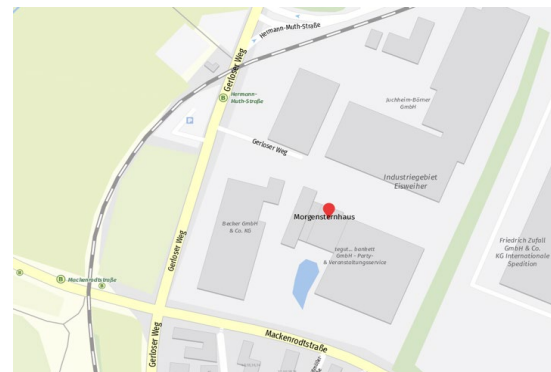
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Reflecting on current trends and complexities surrounding international student mobilities, the conference 'Transitions and Mobilities. International Students' Aspirations' explores international students' trajectories – from 'home' to the 'host' institution, from returning back to their home countries as well as from staying abroad.

These diverse transitional experiences of international students are mediated by intersecting social inequalities such as social class, gender, age, nationality, citizenship and ethnicity. The conference highlights these multiple inequalities, including, but not limited to, the following fields:

- higher education structures and policies
- study experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic
- transitions from higher education to the labor markets
- exchanging views on the practical implications for higher education institutions in dealing with the diverse academic experiences of international students.

About MigInG

Engineering subjects are in high demand among international students. However, there are drastically high dropout rates and almost half of the international students already fail in their Bachelor's studies. The integration of highly qualified professionals and students into the labor markets is also a central issue for the internationalization of higher education. The MigInG project addresses the question of how international students can gain improved access to universities and labor markets in the STEM field in Germany.

The BMBF research project MigInG 'Migration, Diversity and Institutional Change in the STEM field' reflects this against the backdrop of the current neoliberal discourse on skilled labor shortage in Germany and sets a transnational focus on post-migrant societies.

Monday - July 18th, 2022

09:00-10:00 **Registration**
10:00-10:30 **Welcome and Opening**
Carola Bauschke-Urban & Dorina Dedgjoni
(Conference Convenors)
Jörg Kreiker
(Vice-President, Fulda University of Applied Sciences)
Hans-Joachim Reinhard
(Dean, Dept. Social and Cultural Sciences)

10:30-11:30 **Keynote**
Researchers as intermediaries in student transitions: Implicatedness in international student migration research
Parvati Raghuram, Open University, UK

11:30-13:00 **Panel 1**
Transitions from higher education to the labor markets
Chair
Eva Gerharz, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

The difficulties of an easier path: Chinese students' educational experiences and school-to-work transition in Germany and Japan
Gracia Liu-Farrer, Waseda University, Japan

Towards deskilling? Career pathways of Albanian graduates in Italy
Dorina Dedgjoni, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Realization of Employment Opportunity: The Difficulties and Breakthrough of International Students Getting Employed in China
Yi Li & Youliang Zhang, Beijing Univ. of Technology, China

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Panel 2**
Aspirations of international students
Chair
Sascha Krannich, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany

Intersectionality in Higher Education Mobility in the STEM Field: Strategies of International Students
Carola Bauschke-Urban & Dorina Dedgjoni,
Fulda University of Applied Sciences

TNE students' international mobility aspirations: Case studies from China
Min Tang, Taizhou University, China; Ning Tang, Lisa Reidy & Nick Moore, Sheffield University, UK

Practices and Aspirations of Transnational Mobile Students: A Case Study
Paolo Ruspini, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:30 **Panel 3**
Employability and work transitions of international students
Chair
Rixta Wundrak, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

University to work transitions among international students returning from the UK to their home countries.
Marta Moskal, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Challenges Associated with Employability Capitals Facing Chinese International Graduates in Australia.
Melody Tang, Monash University, Australia

The dynamics of imagined futures: the case of German-Jordanian university students.
Norina Eliane Fischer, FGCSS, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

18:30: **Conference dinner**
Café IDEAL, Rabanusstraße 12, Fulda

Tuesday - July 19th, 2022

09:00-10:30 **Panel 4**
Institutional frames for international student mobility
Chair
Almut Zwengel, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Right in the middle or just along for the ride? University belonging amongst international STEM students in Germany from an intersectional point of view.
Judith Sarah Preuß, Julia Zimmermann & Kathrin Jonkmann, Fern Universität Hagen, Germany

Institutional change in the German higher education STEM field?
Carola Bauschke-Urban & Dorina Dedgjoni, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Beyond the Question of Return or Stay: Scholarships for Students as a Tool for International Development Cooperation?
Sascha Krannich, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany & Uwe Hunger, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-13:00 **Panel 5**
International students' experiences in Europe
Chair
Dorina Dedgjoni, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

European Identity Through the Eyes of Georgian and Ukrainian Exchange Students
Aleksandre Sakhechidze, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Albanian students studying in the EU: Potential 'Change Agents'?
Zhylien Kaja, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

'Othering Within': An autoethnography of a Filipino scholar in Hungary
Neil Cezar Sapungan, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

Transculturalism: here and there
Da'ad Nazzal, FGCSS, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany/German-Jordanian University, Jordan

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00-17:00 **Transfer Workshop II**
BMBF Projekt Miging
(bilingual Engl./Germ.)

Chair
Carola Bauschke-Urban, Fulda University of Applied Sciences
14:00-15:15
Diversity of international students
Heterogenität internationaler Studierender und Studierender mit 'Migrationshintergrund'
Almut Zwengel, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Practical implications for higher education institutions in dealing with refugees: Interview with Ulrich Teichler
Sabrina Borges Ramos de Carvalho, University of Kassel, Germany/Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil

15:15-15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30-17:00
Arbeitsmarktperspektiven internationaler Studierender in den MINT-Fächern
BMBF Projekt Miging mit den Projektpartner*innen
Carola Bauschke-Urban & Dorina Dedgjoni, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

17:00 **Discussion / Farewell**