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Call for Papers

"Transitions and temporalities in migration"

**Sitzung der Sektion „Migration und ethnische Minderheiten“ auf dem
42. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie „Transitionen“
vom 22.-26.09.2025 an der Universität Duisburg-Essen**

Migration as a kind of transition, which is structured and experienced temporally, has recently become a focus of debates and studies emphasizing its processual aspects. Key topics include timing and stages of migration and migration decision-making; temporality of migration journeys; liminality at the destination and postponed arrival; alternative temporalities of circular or return migration and waiting *en route*. Studies have also explored the temporal orders of migration regimes and how institutions structure the social realities of migrants by means of time-specific mechanisms.

While any migration can be understood as a transition, we would like to focus on contributions that address its distinct temporal dimension, whether from the perspective of the migration experience or methods and concepts of migration research. These insights will inform discussions on the implications of thinking about temporality as a theoretical concept and possible ways of approaching it empirically.

We invite submissions of papers that explore migration with a focus on transitions and their temporality from diverse sociological perspectives and research paradigms. We expressly encourage contributions that address, but are not limited to, one or several of the following topics:

1. The role temporality plays in border and migration regimes, how managing migrants' future (e.g., temporary migration permits) and present (e.g., imposed waiting periods) is central to migration governance, and how these processes are in transition themselves.
2. The temporal structure of migration experiences: e.g., (im)mobility, liminality and temporariness, future aspirations and temporal constructions of past, present and future. Furthermore, the causes and consequences of transitions and their timing in migration, e.g., in the realm of family, friendship, housing, or the labor market.
3. The methodological and conceptual approaches used to introduce time and temporality to the analysis of migration and transitions: e.g., life-course analysis and biographical research, long-term historical and processual perspectives.

We encourage junior and senior scholars alike to submit their abstracts. We encourage submissions of empirical research as well as conceptual or methodological contributions.





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Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30.03.2025.

Please submit your abstract (**max. 500 words**), including contact information and affiliations of all authors, to sektionmuem@gmx.de with the subject line “TTM2025”.

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