



Selection of current third-party funded projects

- The production of knowledge on migration
- Refugees: Research and transfer. Forced migration studies in the Federal Republic of Germany
- focus MIGRATION: Online publication series on migration and integration
- Women, forced migration – and peace? Peace-building practices of women in refugee camps
- Global refugee protection and local refugee engagement. Scope and limits of the agency of refugee-led community-based NGOs
- Gender, forced migration, admission policies. Processes of gendered in- and exclusions in Lower Saxony
- Hermann Helfgott – Zvi Asaria. The transnational life of a Rabbi in the era of extremes (1913–2002)
- Representation – cooperation – conflict. On the relationship between migrant organisations and trade unions in Hamburg, Offenbach, and Stuttgart (1970/80s)
- International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE): International research network
- Junior Professorship »Migration and integration of Russians of German descent in Germany«
- Junior Professorship »Forced migration and refugee studies«
- Coordination of refugee activities at Osnabrück University
- The production of culture in migration societies (KultMIX)
- Projects in the framework of the German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM):
 - DeZIM research coordinators
 - Pilot project »Forschungskolleg Migration« (research college on migration)
 - ExiTT: Exit – Transit – Transformation
- Participation through the cooperative development of open spaces in »arrival neighbourhoods« (KoopLab)
- From refugee support to escape aid. Refugee protection as a conflicting issue in the German migration regime and the role of civil society initiatives
- Welcome culture and democracy in Germany. Refugee support initiatives as site of active citizenship and democratic learning

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Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS)



Aims and Tasks

The Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS) is an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research center at Osnabrück University. It deals with various aspects of spatial mobility and intercultural encounters in past and present. IMIS is a nationally and internationally renowned research institute with members from a variety of disciplines:

- Art History
- Education
- Ethnology
- Gender Studies
- Geography
- History
- Language Studies
- Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

Founded in 1990, IMIS has explored spatial mobility and intercultural experience from both historical and contemporary angles. Through basic research, publications, public events, and the provision of academic consultation, IMIS seeks to strengthen existing and encourage further interdisciplinary research networks and to hence contribute to the dialogue between science and professional practice.

The research interests and research projects at IMIS are currently concentrated in three fields:

- Migration regimes
- Conditions, forms, and consequences of forced migration
- Potentials of migration and diversity



Master's programmes

The IMIS Master's programme »International Migration and Intercultural Relations« (IMIB), established in 2004, is an interdisciplinary programme in great demand. It involves education, geography, history, political science, psychology, law, religious studies, sociology and language studies.

The new European academic exchange programme »European Master in Migration Studies« (EuMIGS) aims to promote student and scholar mobility and cross-national learning between eight high-level institutes of migration research and their respective master programmes. The programme was launched in November 2017; see www.eumigs.eu

Active Members

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IMIS graduate programme »The production of migration«

The interdisciplinary IMIS graduate programme »The production of migration« was established in 2015 and is financed by Osnabrück University and the Sievert Foundation. The programme is intended to bring together outstanding young scholars in their doctoral and postdoctoral phases. The projects analyse forms and conditions of the creation and negotiation of migration and integration in selected institutional settings. Innovative cultural, legal, social and historical case studies decipher the interests, techniques and interactions of and between different actors to then determine for which reasons, in which ways, by means of which practices and with what consequences migration is produced and shaped.

Doctoral programme »Boundary formations in migration societies«

»Boundary formations in migration societies« is a cross-university, cultural science oriented doctoral programme based on established national and international visible research of institutions in the fields of migration and border research at the involved locations of Oldenburg, Göttingen and Osnabrück. The programme offers a framework for doctoral projects addressing the interrelationships between prevailing practices of actors, institutions and structures in the creation of boundaries and orders of belonging in historical and contemporary migration societies. Through elaborate descriptions and theorizations, the programme analyses these complex, but often unquestioned interdependencies and thus contributes to the development of and reflection on methods in migration research.

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Publication series

IMIS-Beiträge (journal of the institute)

Ed. by the board of the institute, published by the institute



Journal of the institute; appears two to three times a year; publishes essays and research reports from the entire field of migration and interculturality.

Studien zur Historischen Migrationsforschung (SHM)

(Studies on Historical Migration Research)

Ed. by Jochen Oltmer, published by Ferdinand Schöningh, Paderborn



The SHM are aimed at historical lines of development, as well as those that link history and the present, and offer this rapidly growing field of research a publication organ for monographs and conceptually closed volumes.

Migrationsgesellschaften (Migration Societies)

Ed. by the board of the institute, published by Springer VS, Wiesbaden



Migration Societies pay particular attention to the processes and phenomena associated with spatial movements. The constellations and consequences of these complex processes need to be explored.

focus MIGRATION

Ed. by : Vera Hanewinkel, Jochen Oltmer (responsible head)

focus MIGRATION is an online publication series published by IMIS and the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (Federal Agency for Civic Education) (bpb). The articles appear regularly on the bpb migration portal under the headings »country profiles« and »short dossiers«, available at <http://www.bpb.de/gesellschaft/migration/laenderprofile/58217/english-version-country-profiles>



IMIS Working Papers



Ed. by Johanna Neuhauser, Christoph Rass, Helen Schwenken and Frank Wolff
The IMIS Working Papers provide insights into research and ongoing debates at IMIS.

IMIS Research Library

Since 1994, the IMIS Library, a specialist library with supra-regional significance for migration research, has been procuring and indexing literature on the areas of migration, flight, asylum, integration, interculturality, minorities, ethnicity as well as on closely related topics in an interdisciplinary, supra-regional and cross-period perspective.

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Sociology: gender and intersectionality, migration research, labour studies, global inequality, Latin America.

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African Studies & Migration Research: child migration, translocal livelihoods, development research, forced migration.

Prof. Dr. Christina Noack

German Studies/Didactics of German Language: acquisition of written language, spelling didactics, grammar teaching in mono- and multilingual contexts.

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Modern History & Migration History: German, European and global migration history.

Prof. Dr. Jannis Panagiotidis

Modern History: migration history, German, Jewish, Eastern-European and Greek history, history of free movement.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pott

Social Geography: geographies of migration, diversity and the city, local production of asylum, social upward mobility.

Prof. Dr. Christoph Rass

Modern History & Historical Migration Research: migration regimes, migration and violence, cultural translation, datafication, GIS-based modeling.

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Social Geography: geographical migration research, urban research.

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Modern History: migration regimes, migration and illegality, production of knowledge on »the social«, urban inequalities.

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Geographical Migration Research: migration-, urban-, labour market- and development research.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schneckener

Political Science: international relations, global governance, peace- and conflict-research, state- and peacebuilding.

Dr. Jens Schneider

Anthropology: identities, superdiverse societies, education, cultural production.

Prof. Dr. Helen Schwenken

Sociology: labour migration, migration and gender, refugee studies, domestic and care work, social movement studies.

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Sociology: migration and border regimes, (pro-)migrant organisations, social movements, citizenship studies, democracy and political theory.

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Social Work & Political Sciences: differential inclusion, classifications, migration- and border regimes, political sociology- political theory.

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Political Science: migration and development, Big Data and migration, postcolonialism and intersectionality, discourse and apparatus.

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Ethnology/African Studies/migration-/interaction research: migration and education, migration and language, micro-sociology, methodology.

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Modern and Contemporary History: history of migration, urban history, protest and social movements, youth cultures, National Socialism.

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Prof. Dr. Maarten van Zalk

Developmental Psychology: intergroup relationship development, personality development and group conflicts, social networks and intergroup aggression.

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Urban Studies, agriculture, migration and refugee studies.

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