

Invitation:

18. June 2024; 16:00 – 17:45 (CET)

Book Launch within DIFIS research field *transnational social security in the migration society*: „Interdisciplinary Migration Research with a Focus on New Technologies and Multiple Crises: Relating Birds of Passage to Social Policies”

Dear colleagues and friends of DIFIS,

we are stoked to invite you to the launch of the book „Interdisciplinary Migration Research with a Focus on New Technologies and Multiple Crises: Relating Birds of Passage to Social Policies”. This volume combines emerging migration research focusing on crises, new technologies, and social policies. Most chapters are written by PhD students or postdocs who participated in the 25th International Metropolis Conference Berlin 2022 (IMCB22). The book presents the original work on digitalization and mobile worlds of work in three sections: social policies for Migrants and Refugees, multiple crises, and the future of migration.

The chapters presented in this book step away from simple classifications; they seek to offer insights into the emerging world of work that go beyond traditional approaches. Some chapters exclusively use qualitative or quantitative methods, while others use a mix of methodologies. The collection of papers differ substantially in the approaches and theories used as do the regions considered. In a way, the edited volume reflects the diversity of methodologies found in academia worldwide

The birds of passage referred to in the title of this volume evoke the ambivalent constellation of individual solutions pursued by individual migrants seeking to make a living and the somewhat contrasting collective arrangements aimed at securing established welfare systems, which have, in turn, their own complex arrangements. As the authors move beyond conventional wisdom, there is hope that the discussion of such challenges will soon take on more speed and depth, moving away from the mostly sedentary policies at present. The term “birds of passage” is borrowed from segmentation theory and the work of Piore and scholars such as Morokvasic and points to the transitional nature of work arrangements – especially when it comes to migrant work.

The anthology is edited by Prof Dr Felicitas Hillmann, head of the project “Paradigm Shift_New Outlooks” at Technical University Berlin, and is among the first ones to be published through Berlin University Alliance Publishing. The project “Paradigm Shift_New Outlooks” follows up on the IMCB22 process in 2022 and transfers the conference’s results and the international networks established in this process into an independent research format. The book itself was developed in the context of the post-conference process of [IMCB22](#) as an outcome of the FIS project “Networking Unit Paradigm Shift” (nups). Many of the authors of the book are part of the PhD group set up through nups and continued by “Paradigm Shift_New Outlooks”. Both projects were funded by the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

For the book launch, we will be joined by various of the international authors of the book and by Prof Dr Karen Shire, Professor of Comparative Sociology at the University of Duisburg Essen.

We are looking forward to having you with us!

Prof. Dr. Felicitas Hillmann

Your contact for questions about the event:

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Program

16:00 **Opening and Introduction**

Dr. Nicole Vetter (University of Duisburg Essen, DIFIS) and **Prof. Dr. Karen Shire** (University of Duisburg-Essen, DIFIS)

16:10 **About the book – Outline and Content**

Prof. Dr. Felicitas Hillmann (TU Berlin, Project Paradigm Shift_new outlooks)

16:20-17:10 **Contributions of the authors**

16:20 **Taissya Sutormina** (Germany): The role of Social Media Networks in the Labor Market Integration of Migrants and Refugees: The Example of Ukrainian Refugees in Germany

16:30 **Lin Chen** (KU Leuven): Navigating Boundaries: Resilience and Connectivity of African Students' Multilevel Social Networks in China

16:40 **Sophie Sommerfeld** (TU Berlin): Arriving for years: Reflections on the Transformative Challenges and Opportunities of Institutional Integration Work With Refugees in Marzahn

16:50 **Tasneem Khan** (University of Waterloo, Canada): Household, Neighborhood, and Community Contexts and the Mental Health of Immigrants in Canada

17:00 **Domenico Bovienzo** (University Ca' Foscari, Venice): Current and future Evolution of Drought risk in Ethiopia: A framework to Inform Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption Policies.

17:10 **Discussion: Prof. Dr. Karen Shire** (Moderation)

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Event Information

Organizer

German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (DIFIS), represented by the Institute for Work and Qualification at the University of Duisburg-Essen and the SOCIUM Research Centre for Social Inequality and Social Policy at the University of Bremen.

Venue online via Zoom. You will receive the link by e-mail after successful registration.

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Link for Registration

<https://eveeno.com/booklaunch>

Further Remarks

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The book is available via open access (Berlin Universities Publishing):
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