

Call for Applications

Interdisciplinary Summer School
“Boundary Formations in Migration Societies”
of the PhD-Program “MiGG”
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Guests

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Numerous people drown in the Mediterranean Sea, labor migrants in the Gulf states work and live under precarious conditions far from home, and others commute between Mexico and the southwest of the United States on a daily basis. These examples drastically illustrate that, worldwide, more people than ever before are willing, forced, or in the position to change their place of work and residence. However, migration is not an exclusively modern phenomenon, but has always been a key factor in processes of social transformation: The history of humanity can indeed be understood as a history of migration.

Migration produces new demarcations, which have regulative, controlling, and sometimes forcibly (violently) restrictive effects on territorial, ethnic, religious, cultural, social, economic, and linguistic levels. At the same time, migration movements and discourses problematize and change these lines of demarcation. Migration phenomena and lines of demarcation thus mutually influence each other and can be analyzed in their mutual dependency.

It is our basic assumption that these borders – e.g., the politically prescribed territorial borders – are not just “there”, but are, on different social levels, discursively and performatively thematized by individual and collective actors. Thereby, they are continuously reproduced, changed, contested, newly defined, and can always be experienced on a material level.

These historically and culturally situated practices of boundary formation are understood and can be analyzed as an essential factor in the creation of contexts of belonging in societies of migration.

Based on these considerations, the Summer School “Boundary Formations in Migration Societies” brings together scholars and young academics from different disciplines to analyze formation processes of (political, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, ...) boundaries in contemporary and historical contexts of migration societies.

The Summer School offers thematically focused **workshops**, **keynote lectures** by guest speakers and **plenary discussions**.

The summer school is open to PhD students with a focus on migration studies.

Language

Keynote lectures and workshops will be held in German or English.

Location

Schlaues Haus Oldenburg, Schloßplatz 16, 26122 Oldenburg

Applications

PhD-students are invited to apply with the following documents:

- Abstract on doctoral thesis
- A letter of motivation (cover letter, max. one page) indicating your current research interests and how they relate to the summer school topic.

Please be aware that the number of places for the summer school is limited.

Travel funding

On condition that the conference organizers are successful in securing sufficient funding, PhD students whose proposals have been accepted may apply for a travel allowance up to **300,00 Euro** per person to cover parts of their travel costs. The travel allowance is supposed to allow PhD students who do not have appropriate funding opportunities by their home institutions or other third parties to participate in the summer school. A written confirmation that no other (or only very limited) funding for travel is available has to be included in the application.

Application**Application Deadline *June 15, 2018***

Acceptance notification via E-mail: until ***June 30, 2018***

Deadline for application for a travel allowance (if the application for the summer school was accepted): ***July 07, 2018***

Acceptance notification (travel allowance): ***July 15, 2018***

Please send your application (pdf) to: migg@uni-oldenburg.de

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