

## **23ICM «*Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies*»**

Call for Papers on the conference topic '*Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies*' and current challenges in the 'context of migration'

### **23rd International Migration Conference / 23ICM**

Wednesday, 14 June to Friday, 16 June 2023

Technische Hochschule / Technical University, Cologne, South Campus

'*Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies*' is the theme of the International Migration Conference 2023. Planned are presentations on two thematic focus areas:

1. '*Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies*'
2. Current social challenges in the context of migration

Conference languages are German and English; papers presented and discussions will not be simultaneously translated.

### **Call for Papers – Overview of the conference topic '*Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies*'**

The topic 'Youth in Migration Societies' focuses on young people growing up under the conditions of a society whose members are becoming increasingly aware, in contexts replete with conflict, that they live in a migration society, i.e. in a pluralistic society in which immigration and emigration are part of normality. This is actually nothing new. From a historical perspective, migration is also the norm, as is the fact that global connections and networks arise from migration which have often intensified over the course of history. What is relatively new is that the normal case is now more or less perceived as such, and integral to this is that migration is also a topic of discussion, debate and dispute.

The subject of the conference are studies that present macro-, meso- or micro-perspectives on young people growing up in migration societies. Structural framework conditions, institutional inclusions and exclusions, subjective localizations as well as individual patterns of action and interpretation of young people are to be taken into account and examined - also in social networks. In addition, the tensions that arise between structural frameworks, institutional

inclusions and exclusions and the interactions of young persons with other people and groups from their social networks (e.g. family, peers) are of focal interest.

#### *Macro-perspective*

Structural framework conditions are products of discursively shaped narratives developed in social negotiation processes (e.g. political, media-linked, fused with everyday life) on the subject of 'Youth in Migration Societies'. They relate, for example, to aspects such as globalization, pluralization, individualization, social inequalities and structural disadvantages, including those interwoven with ideologies of inequality (such as racism). This also includes a prism exploring conditions and relations under the rule of law.

#### *Meso-perspective*

On the institutional level, the role and significance of institutions and the inclusions and exclusions corresponding to the institutional structure will be addressed. Here, for example, institutions such as schools and vocational training centers, clubs, associations or advice centers relevant to youth work and youth social work can be considered. The focus can also be on how young people deal with school and training-related requirements, their perception of offers coming from youth work and youth social work, the role of other areas of youth welfare and the impact of social media on young persons as well as the influence they exercise on social media. The programs and models of institutions under the conditions of a migration society also play a role here (e.g. diversity-conscious organizational development) and whether and to what extent – in the sense of guaranteeing equal opportunities for participation – they have (or have not) adjusted to the prevailing conditions in a migration society.

#### *Micro-perspective*

Central here, for example, are the processes of young people growing up in interaction with people and groups in social networks (e.g. family, peers), processes of self-positioning, the development of identity concepts and associated values, patterns of action and interpretation and the role that growing up under the conditions of a migration society can play. The focus here is in particular on the practices of coping with everyday life in social networks.

#### *Macro-, meso- and micro-perspective, intersectional perspective, national and/or international perspective – tensions and contradictions*

Of particular interest are contributions on the tensions, contradictions and productive convergences that result from the interaction of the macro-, meso- and micro-perspectives.

Contributions on intersectional perspectives on young people growing up (such as intersections between migration history and gender) at the macro-, meso- and micro-levels are of importance for the conference, as are contributions in which studies on national or international perspectives on youth in migration society are presented and discussed.

**Call for Papers – Open section: contemporary social challenges in the context of migration**

In the open section of the International Migration Conference, studies on current challenges in the context of migration can be presented. Interdisciplinary and international studies on education, participation, marginalization or cultures of remembrance are of particular interest. The focus can also be on questions related to (new) minorities, i.e. on people and groups who have no direct or even no migration experience whatsoever, but are nevertheless stigmatized as migrants in public discourses or in the social media. Also possible in the scope of the conference are studies on global citizenship and global citizenship education, and approaches exploring denationalizing and sustainable development and peace-building for migration societies.

Both sections of the conference welcome theoretical and empirical contributions, grounded in current, international and internationally comparative studies, especially from countries in the Global South, as well as contributions on current ongoing movements of migration and refugee flight (such as from Ukraine).

**Please include your proposal under one of the following thematic focal areas and note this in the proposal:**

**Thematic focal areas****cfp1 'Jugend in Migrationsgesellschaften / Youth in Migration Societies'**

1. Macro-contexts of growing up
2. Meso-contexts of growing up
3. Micro-contexts of growing up
4. Tensions and contradictions

**cfp2 'Current social challenges in the context of migration'**

5. Education
6. Marginalization
7. Cultures of memory
8. Contemporary movements of migration and refugee flight

## Submission and format of the proposal

1. Submission of a proposal is only possible online at: [www.migrationskonferenz.ch](http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch)
2. A proposal should be limited to a maximum of 300 words, including presentation title and short bio as well as contact address (Email, telephone and postal address).
3. Please indicate under which of the thematic focal areas your contribution should be classified.
4. Please likewise indicate in which conference languages you can present and discuss (German and English), or if possible in both languages.

## Deadlines

**Proposal submission:** until 10 January 2023

**Notification to proposals:** February 2023

General information available at: [www.migrationskonferenz.ch](http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch)

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