



Researching Mobilities, Pasts and Futures: Research Network Launch

Friday 1st June 2018, 12-5pm
LRC5, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh Napier University

This mini-conference launches the **Migration and Mobility Research Network** at Edinburgh Napier University. The network aims to forge connections between researchers, activists, community organisations and policy makers in Scotland to develop applied research to address emerging migration and mobility challenges.

Featuring a range of speakers, activists and artists the aim of today is to generate supportive dialogue on important topics related to migration and mobility in the past and for the future, in Scotland and beyond. An interactive exhibition by [Alessandro di Massimo](#) will also be running throughout the afternoon.

To join the network please contact us:

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Programme

12.00-12.30: Lunch and Registration

For Your Pleasure – an interactive installation by Alessandro di Massimo

12.30-12.40: Welcome and Introduction

12.40-13.30: Session 1 – Migration, encounters and belonging (Chair: Damian Stantchev)

Everyday racism encounters of migrant entrepreneurs in the hospitality industry
Paul Lynch, Professor of Critical Hospitality and Tourism, the Business School

Identity, power relations and negotiation in the relationship between the host and the mobile guest

Gesthimani Moysidou, PhD student, the Business School

Rescaling belonging in 'Brexit Britain': spatial identities and practices of Polish nationals in Scotland after the UK Referendum on EU membership

Kate Botterill, Lecturer in Human Geography, School of Applied Sciences

13.30-14.30: Session 2 – Panel: Brexit, migration and citizenship (Chair: Mirona Gheorghiu)

Agatha Kai Kai, Company Director and Trustee, Refugee Survival Trust

Donna Chambers, Professor of Tourism, University of Sunderland

Dorota Peszkowska, EU Citizens Rights Project

Jon Busby, Co-Director, The Welcoming

Lidia Krzynowek, Co-founder, Polish Cultural Festival Association

14.30-14.45: Refreshment Break

14.45-15.15: Guest Speaker

'Attracting and retaining migrants in post-Brexit Scotland: is a social integration strategy the answer?'

Paulina Trevena, Research Associate, University of Glasgow

**15.15-15.45: Session 3a) - Mobility and changing contexts of vulnerability
(Chair: Kate Botterill)**

Understanding anti-immigrant prejudice

Mirona Gheorghiu, Lecturer in Psychology, School of Applied Sciences and Samuel Pehrson, Lecturer in Psychology, University of St Andrews

Article 3 and the “best interest” principle: Age assessment and Unaccompanied minors in the UK

Richard Whitecross, Associate Professor in Law, the Business School

15.45-16:00 Refreshment Break

**16.00-16.30: Session 3b) - Mobility and changing contexts of vulnerability
(Chair: Kate Botterill)**

Dead animals, frozen grass and people on the move: neoliberal encompassment and abandonment in Mongolia

Kiril Sharapov, Associate Professor in Social Sciences, School of Applied Sciences

Sustainable mobility and local communities

Damian Stantchev, Senior Research Fellow, School of Engineering and the Built Environment

16.30-16.45: Closing Remarks

16.45: Join us for networking drinks