



Migration and Mobilities Research Network

Annual Conference 2019

Getting Stuck...Moving On...

9 - 10 May 2019

Craiglockhart Campus, 219 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh EH14 1DJ

More information: <https://www.mmrn.co.uk/mmrn-annual-conference-2019>

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Migration is a process that often entails moments, situations or places in which people can feel 'stuck' or 'suspended' in their lives. These vary temporally and spatially.

Feelings of discontent, fears of insecurity, or a sense of haplessness or hopelessness can prompt people to move within or across borders, often at great financial and psychological costs. When in the destination country, migrants can feel 'trapped', including working and/or getting trapped in low-paid and low-skilled jobs, or when experiencing various forms of exclusion and discrimination that inhibit their mobility and life chances. At the same time, migration is almost always about 'moving on'. Whatever the degree of hardship, migrants often exercise a considerable amount of agency in order to deal with and 'move on' from challenging situations that they may find themselves in their lives. This may involve coming back, migrating further, changing employment, studying, or employing other strategies and tactics to defy the existing circumstances.

The 2019 MMRN Annual Conference contributions will explore these twin themes of 'getting stuck' and 'moving on'. Drawing on a diverse range of research and case studies, the Conference will examine the interrelations of structure and agency, space and time in both the 'traditional' forms and sites of confinement (e.g., ghettos, camps, places of detention, prisons and other places of exception), and more broadly within conceived social, political and economic contexts, which enable and sustain the processes of being 'stuck', the states of 'stuckness', and the acts of 'moving on' as part of everyday life mobility.

Day1, May 9.

Join us in exploring the interrelations of structure and agency, space and time in both the 'traditional' forms and sites of confinement (ghettos, camps, places of detention, prisons and other places of exception), and within conceived social, political and economic contexts which enable and sustain the processes of being 'stuck', the states of 'stuckness', and the acts of 'moving on' as part of everyday life mobility.

Location: Room 1/10, Craiglockhart Campus, Edinburgh Napier University

Interactive installation by Alessandro di Massimo (<http://www.alessandrodimassimo.com>).

09.30 - 10.00: Registration.

10.00 - 10.15: Welcome.

10:15 - 10.45: Keynote Address: Alistair Hunter, Senior Lecturer in Health and Social Policy, University of Glasgow.

10.45 - 11.45: Session 1: Discourse, Colonialism, Race.

- Lesley Storey (Queen's University Belfast), The influence of the past on psychological constructions of Britishness in 1st generation Black Britons.
- Phiona Stanley (Edinburgh Napier University), Volunteer tourism in Central America: Activism or neo-colonialism?
- Jane Wilkinson (Edinburgh Napier University), Migration, Borders and Hospitality in Recent German-Language Drama.

11.45 - 12.45: Lunch.

12.45 - 13.45: Roundtable Discussion: Migrants' integration in British society, with a particular focus on Scotland.

13.45 - 15.00: Session 2: Migrants' experiences and policy perspectives.

- Olena Fedyuk (Central European University), Moral Economies of Intimacy: Narratives of Ukrainian Solo Female Migrants in Italy.
- Anna Gawlewicz (University of Glasgow), 'Keep calm and carry on': The significance of time in migrant responses to Brexit.
- Piotr Teodorowski (Robert Gordon University) and Gosia Kasprzyk (Grampian Regional Equality Council): Recruitment of ethnic minorities for research. The perspective from a university and the third sector.
- Francesca Calo, Thomas Montgomery and Simone Baglioni (Glasgow Caledonian University): UK Labour Market Integration Policies for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers and the risk of getting stuck.

15.00 - 15.15: Coffee break.

15.15 - 16.15: Session 3: Mobility, Vulnerability and Resilience.

- Kyle Schwartz (Edinburgh Napier University), Catastrophe 'On the Move': Conceptualizing Vulnerability and Hazard in the Mobile Strata.
- Gesthimani Moysidou (Edinburgh Napier University) The power of mobility: A working guest perspective.

16.15 - 16.45: Keynote Address: Klara Skrivankova, Independent Consultant (formerly of Anti-Slavery International).

16.45 - 17.00: Conference close.

17.00 - 18.00: Networking Reception.

Day 2, May 10.

Join us for a day of interactive sessions delivered by activists and researchers working and researching with vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups, including people on the move. Our three distinct sessions will focus on visual research, participatory research, issues of translation in research, and our own positionality when researching migration and mobilities.

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09.30 - 10.00: Registration.

10.00 - 10.15: Welcome.

10.15 - 12.15: Session 1: Dr Olena Fedyuk (Central European University, Budapest).

Part 1: Screening of 'Road of a Migrant' 2015 (52 minutes) & Part 2: Masterclass: Visual Research.

12.15 - 13.00: Lunch.

13.00 - 14.45: Session 2: Dr Camille Warrington (University of Bedfordshire).

Part 1: I define me; Just a Link Misunderstood; Love, Sex. Conflict: Four films about gang associated sexual exploitation. 2013 & Part 2: Masterclass: Participatory research and researching sensitive issues

14.45 - 15.00: Coffee break.

15.00-16.30: Session 3: Dr Anna Gawlewicz (University of Glasgow)

Researching migrants as a migrant researcher: Positionality and translation in qualitative research & Interactive masterclass: Who we are in the field; Positionality & Mind your language: Translation in qualitative research

16.30 - 16.45: Close