

International Migration and visits “back home”

International Expert Workshop* at the Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany

December 3-4, 2015

Convenors: Dr. Claudia Olivier-Mensah, Jun.-Prof. Sarah Scholl-Schneider and Prof. Cornelia Schweppe

Venue: Georg Forster-Building, Jakob-Welder-Weg 12, 55128 Mainz, Dekanatssaal 04-111 (4th floor)

Thursday, December 3, 2015

- 1.30 Registration
- 2.00 Welcome and Opening
- 2.15 Mapping the Field: Getting to Know Each Other and the Research
- 3.15 Coffee Break

Session I: ANCESTRY and TOURISM

- 3.30 [Unsettling Returns: Meetings in the Contact Zone of Transnational Adoption](#)
 Prof. Barbara Yngvesson, Hampshire College, USA
- 3.45 [Bi-directional Visits and Leisure Tourism – Experiences of Highly Skilled Migrant Women in Switzerland](#)
 Dr. Hania Janta, U. of Surrey, UK
- 4.00 DISCUSSION
 Chair: Jun.-Prof. Sarah Scholl-Schneider, U. of Mainz, Germany
- 4.45 Coffee Break

Session II: FAMILY

- 5.00 [Ambivalence and Maintenance. Transnational Short-Term Returns across Three Family Generations of Polish Migrant Women](#)
 Dr. Paula Pustulka, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- 5.15 [Peruvian Migrants’ Capacity and Desire to Visit Family Members ‘Back Home’](#)
 M.A. Vincent Horn, U. of Mainz, Germany
- 5.30 DISCUSSION
 Chair: Dr. Claudia Olivier-Mensah, U. of Mainz, Germany

6.15-6.30 **Lessons Learned so Far**

Friday, December 4, 2015

Session III: HOME and BELONGING

- 9.00 [Visits Home: Pilgrimage, Rite of Passage, Migration Stage or Routine Transnational Life Ways?](#)
 Prof. Loretta Baldassar, U. of Western Australia
- 9.15 [De-Mystifying Two Decades of Research on Transnational Mobilities, Migrants as Social Actors and Ancestral Homelands](#)
 Ass. Prof. Anastasia Christou, Middlesex U., UK
- 9.30 [Afghan Return Visits: Responsibilities, Pleasures and Pain](#)
 Dr. Ceri Oeppen, U. of Sussex, UK
- 9.45 DISCUSSION
 Chair: Prof. Cornelia Schweppe, U. of Mainz, Germany
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15-1.00 **International Migration and Visits “Back Home”: Ways Ahead and Future Perspectives**

* The workshop is organized by the [Research Training Group “Transnational Social Support”](#) and TRANSOSS – The Research Center for Transnational Social Support.