Call for Papers

(POST) MIGRATION AND CONFLICTS

"Junges Forum" 10-11 February 2021 – Centre Marc Bloch (BERLIN)

The date may vary depending on the development of the corona situation.

This interdisciplinary conference will focus on the various interactions between conflicts and (post) migration movements within, to and from Europe. Based on the different definitions and forms of conflict, this conference will examine political, social, economic, legal and interpersonal conflicts during, before and after migration as well as conflicts between migrants and institutions and social controversies surrounding migration.

The aim of this session is thus to combine migration research and theories of conflict, in an effort to better understand one of the core experiences of migration. Conflict can be understood as a structural opposition in line with Marx' definition or as intrinsic to social interactions according to Simmel: we will take a critical look at these various definitions and discuss their relevance in migration research.

This conference aims at promoting empirical approaches taking into account the different phases of migration or highlighting the plurality of mobility patterns (for example, by focusing on trans- or return migration). We therefore welcome contributions that apply transnational and multi-situated methodologies and that show how conflict shapes migration and/or mobility patterns.

Contributions need to focus on at least one of the following aspects:

- **Conflict and transnationalism**. Migration is interwoven with complex social, economic, and political constellations of conflict as well as social controversies in the so-called host countries (these controversies are not only a domestic issue, but an issue that transcends borders, as recent debates in Europe have shown). How does migration contribute to the internationalization, or even the transnationalization of conflicts?

- **Conflict, migration and temporality**. Migration can be the long-term consequence of conflict. With this segment, we wish to highlight the lasting effects of past conflicts up to this day, for instance the impact of colonialism or the shifting of borders in the wake of the two World Wars. To what extent have they contributed to and sparked migration

movements? Temporality is also an important dimension of migration, although it is often overlooked because migration is seen as a chiefly spatial phenomenon.

- **Conflict, borders and strategies of circumvention**. Conflicts often arise as a consequence of the gap between individuals and administrative categories imposed on them by institutions in charge of migration control. They can occur between migrants and the bodies tasked with regulating their entry, transmigration and settlement. How do they overcome physical as well as symbolical barriers that separate them from their host country? Which coping mechanisms do they resort to?

- **Narrating conflict**. This segment is dedicated to discourse, to the exploration of the subjective, individual and cultural dimensions of conflict experiences. How are conflicts pertaining to migration narrated? How are they remembered? What is their place in narratives on migration?

This conference will be interdisciplinary. Contributions from all areas of social sciences and humanities are welcome. Special focus will be placed on the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. Contributions which focus on a different time period can nonetheless be submitted, provided they engage with one or more of the aspects mentioned above.

The "Junges Forum" is funded by and will take place at the Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin and intends to promote research by young scholars (PhD candidates and postdocs) and encourage interdisciplinary exchanges. The conference will be held in German and English. Good command of both languages is required.

The abstract to the contribution (350-500 words) can be written in German or English and should be sent along with a short CV by **20 October 2020 at the latest to the following email address:** **migrationjungesforum@protonmail.com**. We kindly ask you to send your contribution (each presentation will last **30 minutes**) to the organizers at least **two weeks before the conference**.

Travel and accommodation costs will be covered within the limits of the available budget.

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