Organizing Institutions

Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies
The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a research and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel. As part of the department of Humanities and Social Sciences the institute offers a master’s degree with a unique specialization in “Migration and Citizenship.” The SFM’s declared aim is to make a pragmatic contribution to discussions of topics relevant to migration. It fosters interdisciplinary research on the circulation of people, goods and knowledge.
migration-population.ch

German Marshall Fund of the United States
The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) strengthens transatlantic cooperation on regional, national, and global challenges and opportunities in the spirit of the Marshall Plan. GMF contributes research and analysis and convenes leaders on transatlantic issues relevant to policymakers. GMF offers rising leaders opportunities to develop their skills and networks through transatlantic exchange, and supports civil society in the Balkans and Black Sea regions by fostering democratic initiatives, rule of law, and regional cooperation.
gmfus.org

Funding Institutions

nccr – on the move
The nccr – on the move is the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration and mobility patterns and to establish an innovative and competitive field of research on migration and mobility in Switzerland. The overall scientific aim of the nccr – on the move is to offer a comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework for understanding the character of and the experienced shifts in contemporary migration and mobility to Switzerland.
nccr-onthemove.ch

Stiftung Mercator Schweiz
Mercator Foundation Switzerland is committed to a dedicated and open-minded society, which treats the environment with respect and provides children and youth with equal education opportunities. For this purpose, the foundation initiates projects and supports initiatives of organizations and institutions that share its objectives.
stiftung-mercator.ch

1st Meeting
Young Policy Network on Migration
Münchenwiler
29 January – 2 February 2018

Program
International mobility, migration and the resulting diversity within societies will continue to impact the national and global political agenda in the decades to come. In order to address the challenges and opportunities that go along with these developments, it is important to have an encompassing understanding of the different relevant policy fields and to develop active networks between different stakeholders.

The Young Policy Network on Migration (YPNM) is an interdisciplinary network of young professionals working in the field of migration. Bringing together migration researchers, practitioners and policy stakeholders who have gathered initial work experiences in the field, the first network meeting of the 26 YPNM fellows aims to allow for a change of perspectives among them. Throughout this meeting, scholars will get insights into the policy-making process on migration and the practical real-life challenges. Practitioners will gain enhanced understanding of current research topics and results. The fellows will discuss what research is most relevant for policymakers and how it can be best communicated to them.

Along the transversal questioning on the link between research, practice and policy in the field of migration, three main topics will be discussed throughout the week: Social cohesion in diverse societies, Past and future of the international protection regime and International migration policies: borders, deals, development. Merging the academic and the practical perspective, the YPNM fellows will examine how mobility changes societies, and question the future of diversity and migration management on a global level.

Monday, 29 January 2018 | Connecting Research and Policy in the Field of Migration
08:00 Arrival and Breakfast
11:00 Welcome and Introduction
   Prof. Gianni D’Amato, Director of the nccr – on the move and the SFM, University of Neuchatel
   Astrid Ziebarth, Senior Migration Fellow, GMF Berlin
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Connected or Disconnected? The Relationship between Academics, Policy-Makers and Practitioners in the Field of Migration
   Elizabeth Collett, Director of the Migration Policy Institute Europe, Brussels
14:30 Discussion
15:30 Coffee Break
16:00 Group Work
17:00 Private Time
18:00 Welcome Activity (Teambuilding) and Aperitif
19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 30 January 2018 | Social Cohesion in Diverse Societies
08:00 Breakfast
09:00 Immigrant Integration in Europe: Common Principles and Challenges
   Prof. Christian Joppke, Director of the Institute for Sociology, University of Bern
09:30 Discussion
10:30 Coffee Break
11:00 Group Work