

# Fulda International Autumn School 2022

## Mobilities and Human Rights

14 to 18 November 2022

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### Call for Contributions

We live in an increasingly mobile world: People, imaginaries, knowledges, objects, and capital are on the move. Fuelled by new technologies and globalisation, they cross political, social, and cultural borders and create global nets of connections. Spatial movements often go along with social mobility of individuals or groups of people, resulting in changes of economic positions and social status. However, not everybody and not everything is spatially or socially mobile. Disconnections and exclusions are created by structural and legal constraints as well as discourses of foreclosure, or norms of sedentary lives.

The Fulda International Autumn School 2022 invites doctoral researchers and Master's students to explore the diversity of (im)mobilities and their interrelation with social justice. From an interdisciplinary perspective, including sociological, political, legal, and intercultural approaches, we will scrutinize

- ↘ forms, drivers and implications of (im)mobilities,
- ↘ patterns of inequality, highlighting the intersections of gender, *race*, and class,
- ↘ political and legal instruments that shape (im)mobility. We are particularly interested in the opportunities and predicaments of social, economic and cultural human rights.

The one-week programme offers different formats of exchange:

- ↘ **Keynotes and lectures** from senior scholars will introduce the participants to the relevant research fields.
- ↘ **Interactive workshops** will provide a platform to bring in your own questions and ideas, to discuss your projects and current research challenges in a creative and supportive atmosphere.
- ↘ **Hybrid format:** We are looking forward to an on-site event, but online participation is equally possible.

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## General Information

- When:** 14 to 18 November 2022
- Format:** Hybrid. The Autumn School takes place on-site in Fulda, Germany; online participation is equally possible.
- Deadline:** Send your proposal by 15 August, 2022
- Grants:** We offer grants for participants covering the costs for international travels and accommodation. Please include your possible interest together with your proposal.
- Costs:** No participation fee!
- Contact:** E-mail to [fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de](mailto:fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de) or visit our [website](#).

## The Workshops

- Workshop 1: [Human Rights and Mobility: Labour Migration in the European Union](#)
- Workshop 2: [Global Trade and Cooperation in Times of Corona: Old and New Asymmetries?](#)
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### Workshop 1: Human Rights and Mobility – Labour Migration in the European Union

During the Covid-pandemic, precarious labour mobility within the European Union has attracted heightened attention. An EU citizenship grants special legal status in relation to freedom of movement, residence, employment, and access to social benefits. However, it has become evident that EU citizenship does not safeguard mobile workers from precarious working and living conditions. The workshop engages with atypical and precarious labour mobility within the EU and aims to look at how governments, administrations, unions, and workers may shape more equitable mobile working arrangements. We invite contributions from the fields of legal and social sciences.

*hosted by*

Stamatia Devetzi, Markus Köck and Jana Bub, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

### Workshop 2: Global Trade and Cooperation in Times of Corona: Old and New Asymmetries?

Despite or precisely because of the disruptions in the global exchange of goods, labour and capital brought about by the Corona pandemic and the war in Ukraine, the EU and other major powers appear urging the conclusion of ever deeper trade agreements. The increasing imposition of trade defence measures on the one hand and efforts aimed at 'securing and enhancing' market access on the other raise numerous questions. Issues at stake include their impact on global and local power asymmetries, inequalities and, by extension, social and economic rights not only but most notably in countries of the Global South.

*hosted by*

Anja Zorob, Birzeit University

Discussant: Chaldeans Mensah, MacEwan University

### Workshop 3: Development and Displacements

Each year, development interventions such as dams, pipelines, or urban infrastructure lead to the displacement of millions of people worldwide. While projects are justified by economic benefits, those who lose their homes and livelihoods risk impoverishment and the disruption of social networks, spiritual connections to lands, and economic activities. The panel seeks to interrogate the nexus of development and displacements and their impact on social, economic, and political mobilities or immobilities. We are particularly interested in original contributions that address issues of minority and indigenous rights in the development processes of these projects.

*hosted by*

Bekeh Ukelina, SUNY Cortland

Isaac Adjei and Corinna Land, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

### Workshop 4: Human Rights for Precarious Migrants on the Local Scale

This workshop will address the access of precarious migrants to social services - such as accommodation and health - with a focus on the local level. Relating to debates of urban citizenship, we will explore the challenges that migrants face, identify local strategies to address the exclusion, analyse different approaches to provision within contrasting legal frameworks, and discuss collaborations between public services and civil society.

With a guest lecture by Dmytro Sherengovsky, Ukrainian Catholic University

*hosted by*

Ilker Ataç, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

## An event of the project "Transnational Governance and Human Rights"

The Fulda International Autumn School series is part of the project "Transnational Governance and Human Rights" which promotes the internationalisation of study, teaching, research, and doctoral studies at the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences at Fulda University of Applied Sciences. It is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) within the programme "[HAW.International](#)". Information on further project goals, our partners, and activities can be found [here](#).

The Fulda International Autumn School is an annual event hosted by the Fulda Graduate School of Social Sciences (FGCSS). It invites doctoral researchers from all over the world and brings them together with lecturers from our partner network and beyond.

### Workshop 5: Refugees and Host Societies – Contested Borders of Rights and Belonging

Providing insights into important discussions from Forced Migration Studies, this panel will explore the interactions between refugees and host societies: How do refugees, states, and civil society negotiate the access to rights and belonging for forced migrants who are often considered temporary guests? How do discourses and practices change through time and in relation to different groups of refugees? The panel will compare the situation of Ukrainian and Syrian refugees – particularly in Europe and Jordan, the second largest host country in the world. However, contributions on other cases are highly welcome!

With a guest lecture by Oksana Mikheieva, European University Viadrina

*hosted by*  
Bader Al-Madi, German Jordanian University

### Workshop 6: Student Mobility

Over the past years, international students' mobility increased rapidly and is an important part of the global higher education landscape. Semesters or studies abroad shape students' trajectories and open up new experiences, opportunities and challenges. Why are students on the move? How does mobility influence study and everyday life as well as student's aspirations and transitions to the labor market? How do different aspects of mobility – such as educational aspirations and forced migration – intersect? In what way does students' mobility influence the home and host countries?

With a guest lecture by Farkhad Alimukhamedov, SciencePo Toulouse

*hosted by*  
Carola Bauschke-Urban and Norina Fischer, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

### Workshop 7: Intersectional Perspectives on (Im)mobilites

Intersectional approaches to social inequality have contributed to and advocated thinking critically about the multidimensional aspects of women's oppression. The workshop explores the contributions of intersectional perspectives to complicate our understanding of gender, race, and class as well as their socio-spatial dimensions. Looking at diverse kinds of social and spatial mobilities – ranging from professional and educational carriers to commuting and international migration – we will ask how both the formal and informal systems of power are deployed, maintained, and reinforced in social structures, policies, and practices.

With a guest lecture by Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, SUNY Cortland

*hosted by*  
Victoria Showunmi, University College London

### Workshop 8: Transnational Knowledge Production: (Im)mobilites of Concepts, Imaginaries, and Ideas

This workshop traces globally mobile concepts, imaginaries, and ideas and examines the powerladen dynamics of their dissemination across cultural, political, and social borders, their negotiation and contestation. How universal are global regulative ideas such as Human Rights or democracy? How can we engage productively with the tension between legal universalism and particularism as well as with the critiques of Eurocentrism?

With a guest lecture by Jeffrey Stepnisky, MacEwan University

*hosted by*  
Matthias Klemm and Angeli Geißelhardt, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

## How to participate?

We warmly invite doctoral and master's students to present their own projects in one of the workshops described above. We explicitly welcome work-in-progress and theoretical or empirical contributions from a broad field of disciplines – including, but not restricted to, social science and law.

If you are interested\*, please send us your proposal by **15 August 2022** to [fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de](mailto:fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de). Proposals must include the following information:

- ↘ **ABSTRACT:**  
Send us the title, keywords, and an abstract of your contribution (max. 300 words). It should specify the concrete questions and challenges you like to get feedback on – theoretical, methodological, or very practical problems are equally welcome.
- ↘ **CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP:**  
Point out which workshop you would like to contribute to. You may name two prioritized options.
- ↘ **WHO ARE YOU?**  
Please provide us with brief biographical information – e.g., your institutional affiliation, MA or PhD status, and disciplinary background.
- ↘ **WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION?**  
We are curious - tell us why you would like to participate! 2-3 sentences are sufficient.
- ↘ **CHOOSE A FORMAT:**  
Please indicate whether you would like to participate on site at Fulda University or online.
- ↘ **IN NEED OF A GRANT?**  
Tell us whether you would need funding to participate – there are 10 grants for international participants that cover travel and accommodation costs. If you have other options of funding, please be fair and inform us duly!

\* If you want to participate without a presentation, please contact us!

## Questions?

Please do not hesitate to email us to [fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de](mailto:fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de).

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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