

Migration, Gender and Generation: New Perspectives on Migration

35th AEMI conference, organised by AEMI and the Ruhr Museum

October 9-10th, 2025, Ruhr Museum / UNESCO World Heritage Zollverein

Wednesday, October 8th

Venue: Katakomben-Theater im Giradet Haus, Katakomben Str. 8, 45131 Essen

18:00 Informal gathering at the Katakomben Theatre

20:00 Participants are invited to attend the open Jazz concert „Jazz for the people“

21:00 Gathering continues until 22:00h

Thursday, October 9th

Venue: UNESO Welterbe Zollverein, Halle 7

08:30 Registration

09:00 Conference Opening & Keynote

09:45 Panel 1: Migration and generation in history and the present day

Identity and Belonging: An intergenerational comparison of Polish migrants in Washington State

Joanna Kulpinska, Jagiellonian University in Cracow/ Poland

(In)tolerable Hardships: The Swabian children, gendered potentiality, and child abuse in late imperial Austria

Andie Speed, Western Colorado University/ USA

Care Dynamics between Chinese transmigrants and their families: gendered, classed and intergenerational perspectives

Junyan Zhou, Heidelberg University/ Germany

The ambivalent protection of Ukrainian refugees in Europe: gender and generations in the case of the Netherlands

Jofelle Tesorio, Utrecht University/ Netherlands & Jeroen Doomernik, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Panel 2: Experiences, images and perceptions of migrant women in the 18th-20th century

Venue: Halle 7

“Not one young woman in the steerage escaped attack”: Sexual harassment and assault in the steamship era, 1870-1914

Christina A. Ziegler-McPherson, Bremen/ Germany

Bad bridget and the role of women in the polices of developing the narrative at the Ulster American Folk Park

Liam Campbell, The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh/ Northern Ireland

A trunk in the attic: Tracing the forgotten journeys of Swedish women in America

Alexandra Stiernspetz Nylén, Kulturparken Småland/ Sweden

Exploring issues of age and gender in the letters of Irish emigrants 1750-1950

Patrick Fitzgerald, The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh/ Northern Ireland

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Panel 3: Workshops (Parallel Sessions)

Workshop A – Venue: Halle 7

Towards participatory collection management in museums with migration heritage collections: Insights from the Red Star Line Museum”

Lisa Yolanda Lambrechts, Red Star Line Museum, Antwerp/ Belgium

Workshop B – Venue: Kokskohlenbunker (KoKoBu)

Giving space and value: Exploring female and generational migration through storytelling

Sara-Marie Demiriz, LVR-Industriemuseum, Oberhausen/ Germany;

Anna-Elisabeth Hampel, Minor Projektkontor, Berlin/ Germany;

Gabriela Nicolescu, National Library of Romania, Bucharest/ Romania

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Panel 4: European migrant women in the USA in the 19th and 20th century

Venue: Halle 7

Polish American group in the Pacific north west: A gender perspective

Dorota Praszałowicz, Jagiellonian University, Krakow/ Poland

Maggie Walz: American Finnish suffragette, entrepreneur and utopist

Teuvo Peltoniemi, Lic. Soc.Sc, Helsinki, Finland

Biographical self-interpretations of female Austrian-Jewish emigrants after 1938

Teresa Marx, University of Potsdam/ Germany

16:30 Panel 5: Migrant women's experiences in transnational contexts

Venue: Halle 7

Under pressure: Filipino migrant women navigating life and work in Croatia

Goran Bandov; Ivan Balabanić; Iva Tadić; University of Zagreb; Zagreb/ Croatia

The South Asian migrant women's access to mobility: A few case studies

Sanchali Sarkar, University of Passau/ Germany

Academic migration and opportunity: The case of Malawian students in Norway

Matias Pasulani, University of Oldenburg/ Germany

Gendered pathways of integration: The case of Romanian brides in Izmir, Turkey

Ana-Lavinia Popa İzmir Kâtip Çelebi University, İzmir/ Turkey

18:30 End of conference day one

20:00 Gala dinner (speaker & members only)

Venue: Erich-Brost-Pavillon

Friday, October 10th

09:00 AEMI General Assembly (members only)

Venue: Kokskohlenbunker (KoKoBu)

10:30 Panel 6: The musealisation of migrant's experiences, realities and identities

Venue: Halle 7

“MOSAIC” – Documenting narratives of home, identity and (multi) belonging among young descendants of immigrants in Denmark

Emma Barnhøj Jeppesen, Immigrantmuseet - *Migration Museum of Denmark*; Farum/ Denmark

Migrant knowledge and environmental migration – an exhibition project

Marie-Antoniette Grünter, German Emigration Center, Bremerhaven/ Germany

The musealisation of migration between clichés and stereotypes: the presence of women in the MEI museum settings

Giorgia Barzetti, MEI –Museo Nazionale dell'Emigrazione Italiana, Genova/ Italy

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 Panel 7: Voices of migration: Narratives in museum's practise in Germany and Denmark

Venue: Halle 7

Visual and material displays of migration histor(ies) in Germany. Case study: Greek 'Gastarbeiter*Innen' in West Germany. Towards a bottom-up archive of gendered and silenced migration experience(s)

Chris Zisis, University of Applied Sciences, Kiel/ Germany

Dialogue and cultural participation: Diversity at the Ruhr Museum

Meltem Küçükyılmaz, Ruhr Museum, Essen/ Germany

Reclaiming narratives - GENERATION II: Documenting second-generation voices in Denmark: A Focus on female migration and changing role models

Fadime Turan, Immigrantmuseet - *Migration Museum of Denmark*, Farum/ Denmark

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Panel 8: Current youth migration

Venue: Halle 7

An overlooked aspect of transnational young mobility: The case of Turkish young migrants in Germany

Buket Ökten Sipahioğlu, Ankara University, Ankara/ Turkey

Young Turkish diaspora members' supportive narratives about the rise of the populist radical-right party in the Netherlands

M. Mustafa Iyi, Ankara Yildirim Beyazıt University, Ankara/ Turkey

Migration culture in the making: Germany as a reference point in youth migration from Turkey to Europe

Helin Kardelen Kavuş, İzmir University of Economics, İzmir/Turkey

Intergenerational shifts and gendered labor: The invisible work of displaced Kurdish women in Europe

Esra Karadas Ekinci, Kassel/ Germany

14:45 Coffee break

15:15 Panel 9: Parallel Sessions: Migration and ITC

Session A – Venue: Kokskohlenbunker (KoKoBu)

CultureCache: Documenting diasporic belonging and intergenerational memory through participatory digital heritage

Cláudia Melo Ribeiro & Penda Svane, Aarhus University; Aarhus/ Denmark

Session B – Venue: Halle 7

Revisiting “Guest Work” through audio letters: Intergenerational memory in family archives of migrants from Turkey in Austria

Faime Alpagu, Columbia University, Columbia/ USA

“Strategia Kanak“

Anna Burghartwieser, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum/ Germany

16:15 Panel 10: Artistic story telling about youth, gender and migration

Venue: Halle 7

Experiences and challenges of migrant children: An analysis of child migration in three theatre plays at the intersection of age and gender

Figen Uzar-Özdemir, Abdullah Özdemir, Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University,
Zonguldak / Turkey

Bringing post-war history to life in graphic novels. The example of Maczków

Konstantin Rometsch, Porta Polonica, Bochum/ Germany

“Che bello andare“. The joyful diaspora of an Italian family, from 1975 to today.

Giovanna Rosso Del Brenna, Genova/ Italy

17:45 Panel 10: Sharing stories of migration

Venue: Halle 7

Intergenerational culture of remembrance. Descendants of ‘guest workers’ research the history of previous generations.

Caner Osman Ekiz & Enes Yagiz, University Duisburg-Essen, Essen/ Germany

Migrants in turbulence times: Staying Awake - Journey to the of Paradise

Richard Osei Bonsu, Omaniae, Antwerp/ Belgium

18:30 Closing remarks

Saturday, October 11th

10:00 Excursions (parallel tours by foot)

A: Nature, culture and history of the Ruhr Area: The permanent exhibition of the Ruhr Museum

Meeting point: Werner-Müller-Platz, escalator

B: Exploring the collection: The Schaudapot of the Ruhr Museum & visit to the Palace of Projects

Start 9:45h, Meeting point Werner-Müller-Platz/ KoKoBu

C: Encountering migration in the Zollverein neighbourhood. Guided tour & meeting with migrant families

Start 9:45h, Meeting point Werner-Müller-Platz/ KoKoBu

D: The path of coal. Guided tour through the originally preserved aboveground facilities of the Zollverein Coal Mine

Meeting point: Werner-Müller-Platz

E: Award winning contemporary product design. Guided tour through the Red Dot Design Museum

Meeting point: Red Dot Design Museum

13:00 End of Excursions

Optional: Lunch at the Restaurant *The Mine*, Werner-Müller-Platz (own costs)

Registration is open. Please register here:

<https://ruhrmuseum.de/35th-aemi-conference>

Please note that also speakers are asked to register!