

Call for Papers

for the

SYMPOSIUM "INTERNAL MIGRATION AND COMMUTING IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE"

4 – 6 February 2015 in Wiesbaden

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During the past several years, research on spatial mobility has experienced a substantial upswing within the social sciences. This development has arisen due to the increasing demands for spatial mobility on the labour markets and the rising importance of multi-local living arrangements due to demographic developments. The following two main types of mobility are at the centre of the debate: a ***change of residence*** over a socially meaningful distance (migration), e.g., due to a new occupation or marital separation, and long-distance ***commuting*** between place of residence and place of work. From this perspective, a broad agenda of interesting topics arise in the social sciences, including the following questions:

What forms and patterns of mobility and mobile living arrangements are observed, and how can we explain their development? Which population groups are spatially mobile, and which groups face mobility restrictions? What are the consequences of various forms of spatial mobility for individual life courses and families? What role does spatial mobility play in cities and regions?

The main goal of this symposium is to promote fruitful research on these questions through an international perspective. The comparison of results from different countries and regions allows the identification of common mobility patterns and overall trends, whereas differences shed light on the relevance of institutional, cultural and economic influences. The international perspective enriches our empirical and theoretical understanding of mobility processes.

This conference offers the opportunity to exchange concepts and findings regarding spatial mobility in an extensive manner, thereby exceeding the opportunities that are typically offered at established international conferences. We are pleased to announce that the following internationally known experts in spatial mobility research will be ***keynote speakers*** at this symposium: Maarten van Ham, Hill Kulu, Clara Mulder, Jos van Ommeren, and Michael Wagner.

We invite you to submit your proposal for an oral presentation at this conference (1 – 2 pages) with reference to one of the following topics:

1. Explaining the Process of Spatial Mobility and Immobility
2. Spatial Mobility and Family Development

3. Spatial Mobility, Dual-Earner Households and Occupational Career
4. Spatial Mobility, Intergenerational Relations and Social Networks
5. Spatial Mobility, Well-Being and Health
6. Patterns of Spatial Mobility

To ensure a high quality of contributions to the symposium, full papers or extended abstracts must be submitted by 6 January 2015. Subsequent to the conference we plan to publish selected contributions after a peer-review process in a volume with an international publisher or within a special issue in a relevant journal.

The conference venue is the beautiful city of Wiesbaden, whose architecture is nearly exclusively neo-classical and Art Nouveau buildings. It is situated in the Rhine valley, which is approximately a 30-minute train ride from Frankfurt International Airport.

Please send your proposal for a contribution no later than 15 November 2014 to one of the following organisers:

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