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Collaborative DFG-funded Research Training Group on  
Forms of the Formation of Transitions in the Life Course

International Conference

**Doing Transitions**  
**Relational perspectives**  
**on the life course**

**Extended Program**

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**Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**

## General information:

### Conference venue:

**Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Campus Westend, Casino-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (no. 7 on the map)**

**Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 1**

**60323 Frankfurt**

**The conference venue is accessible without barriers.**



## **Directions to Campus Westend:**

### **By public transportation**

- subway station „Holzhausenstraße“ (U1/U2/U3/U8): 10 minute walk via Holzhausenstraße and Hansaallee
- bus 36, bus station „Uni-Campus Westend“
- bus 75, bus stations „Bremer Straße“ and „Max-Horkheimer-Straße“

### **By car**

- via A 66/Miquelallee/Hansaallee/Lübecker Straße (all directions)
- Reuterweg/Bremer Straße/Hansaallee (from the City and Campus Bockenheim)

### **By taxi:**

- Please use the address “Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 1”.

## **Registration open:**

- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30
- Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30
- Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30

**Participants receive a printed version of the current program at the registration.**

## **Contact:**

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## **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of May**

**14:00 – 14:30      Welcome & Introduction**

**Room: tba**

### **Opening**

**CHRISTIANE THOMPSON, Vice-President, Goethe University Frankfurt (tbc)**

**SABINE ANDRESEN, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Goethe University Frankfurt**

### **Introduction**

**BARBARA STAUBER, University of Tübingen**

**ANDREAS WALTHER, Goethe University Frankfurt**

**14:30 – 15:30      Keynote 1**

**Room: tba**

***Life course transitions in time and place: A note on methodological tools and challenges in applied research***

**DANIELA GRUNOW, Goethe University Frankfurt**

**Chair: PIA SCHÖBER, University of Tübingen**

**15:30 – 16:00      Coffee break**

**16:00 – 18:15      Panel session I**

### **Panel 1: Emerging transitions in and out of work in contemporary social change**

**Room: Cas 1.801**

**Chair: SARAH SPECK, Goethe University Frankfurt**

**Discussant: JULIA GRUHLICH, University of Göttingen**

- ***Men in Germany reducing hours or opting out of paid work – what kind of transition and how does it emerge?***  
LUKAS KAMMERLANDER, University of Tübingen
- ***And then everything changed: Investigating the role of transformative moments for transitions towards sustainable engagement***  
LENA SCHMEIDUCH, University of Osnabrück
- ***Emerging Life Course Transitions in the context of sustainability***  
ELISA THEVENOT, University of Tübingen
- ***Challenges of researching life courses with a relational approach. Theoretical thoughts and empirical applications***  
IRIS CLEMENS, University of Bayreuth

## **Panel 2: Interpersonal relations in doing transitions**

**Room: Cas 1.802**

**Chair: PIA SCHÖBER, University of Tübingen**

**Discussant: KERSTIN MEISNER, University of Bayreuth**

- ***Falling into the Right Crowd: The Relevance of Peers for Educational Upward Mobility***  
JUDITH ECKERT, University of Duisburg-Essen
- ***Becoming Single***  
LUISA BISCHOFF, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main
- ***Doing property as doing transition—East German couples managing the transition to a capitalist property regime***  
ROBIN K. SAALFELD, University of Jena

### **Panel 3: End of life, grief and loss**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

**Chair: CHRISTIANE HOF, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Discussant: JESSICA LUSSIER, University of British Columbia-Vancouver,  
Canada**

- ***Understanding Grief. Practices of mourning in self-help activities***  
**KEVIN STÜTZEL, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- ***Being capable of dying: Conceptualizations of “(in-)abilities” of bodies  
and persons in in-patient hospice care***  
**LILIAN COATES, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- ***Arrangements for complicated grief. How children's hospices navigate  
psycho-social parental support before, during, and after their child's  
death***  
**DEBORA NIERMANN, Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland**
- ***Faith and transitions in community of middle-aged women***  
**GRACE ALCID, Columbia University, New York**

### **19:00 Evening program**

**City walk and possibility for joint dinner afterwards (at own expense)**

**Meeting point: tba**

**Please register in advance if you are interested in the city walk.**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> of May**

**09:00 – 10:00      Keynote 2**

**Room: Cas 1.801**

***Living through time: Relational perspectives on ageing and vital inequalities in activating welfare states***

**SILKE VAN DYK, University of Jena**

**Chair: ANNA WANKA, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**10:00 – 10:30      Coffee break**

**10:30 – 12:15      Panel session II**

**Panel 4: (Un)Doing difference in transitional learning processes**

**Room: Cas 1.801**

**Chair: BIRGIT BECKER, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Discussant: KENNETH HORVATH, Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland**

- ***Growing up in Diaspora: Transnational Education and Family of East African Refugees in Germany***  
**MIAOJUN SHE, University of Tübingen**
- ***Non-Western Perspectives on Learning During Migration***  
**MICHAEL BERNHARD, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- ***Interlinking Transitions: Negotiation Processes in Relation to Illness and Adolescence***  
**JULIA BECHER, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

## **Panel 5: Practices and relations in later life transitions**

**Room: Cas 1.802**

**Chair: FRANK OSWALD, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Discussant: MIRANDA LEONTOWITSCH, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

- ***Ageism as a transitional practice and experience of ageing in older age***

**STEFAN HOPF, Vienna Centre for Societal Security**

- ***Identity Development in the Transition to Retirement Results and a Model Based on a Swiss Mixed Methods Study***

**JULIA REINER & SABINA MISCH, Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences**

- ***Relational transitions in (old) age: age(ing) and moving into a retirement home***

**MARIE-KRISTIN DÖBLER, University Erlangen-Nürnberg**

## **Panel 6: Materialities and affect in Transition(s)**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

**Chair: URSULA OFFENBERGER, University of Tübingen**

**Discussant: CORNELIA SCHADLER, University of Vienna**

- ***Digital materialities matters!***

**FABIENNE KAISER & HEIDI HIRSCHFELD, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland**

- ***Materiality and affectivity as dimensions of relational transitions in the school project PRIMUS***

**FARINA BÖTTJER, AYSUN DOĞMUS & CHRISTINA HUF, University of Münster**

- ***Doing transitions to a life with home care: New roles and new daily life for cohabitating partners***

**TOVE HARNETT, HÅKAN JÖNSEN & GLENN MÖLLERGREN, Lund University, Sweden**



**12:15 – 13:45      Lunch break**

**13:45 – 15:15      Poster session – *with coffee and cake***

**New PhD projects in Doing Transitions**

**Room: tba**

**Chair: ANDREAS WALTHER, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main & BARBARA STAUBER, University of Tübingen**

**15:15 – 17:30      Panel session III**

**Panel 7: Relational perspectives on social class in the life course**

**Room: Cas 1.801**

**Chair: MARIA KEIL & FLORA PETRIK, University of Tübingen**

- ***Relational Perspectives on Social Class in the Life Course***  
**MARIA KEIL & FLORA PETRIK, University of Tübingen**
- ***Social change and reproduction in graduate labour market transitions: symbolic closure and social magic***  
**NICOLA INGRAM, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK & ANN-MARIE BATHMAKER, University of Birmingham, UK**
- ***Governing the Decanted and Destructured Classes – A Relational Approach***  
**MATT BOWDEN, Technological University Dublin**
- ***Educational transitions as a field: theoretical reflections and conceptual insights***  
**AINA TARABINI, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy & MARCO ROMITO, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain**

## **Panel 8: Institutional regimes in the life course**

**Room: Cas 1.802**

**Chair: PETRA BAUER, University of Tübingen**

**Discussant: INGA TRUSCHKAT, FU Berlin**

- **Becoming an 'Ex'-Offender – Biographical perspectives on women's experiences of imprisonment and reentry**  
**VICTORIA HEUSCHELE, University of Tübingen**
- **Transitional regulations in out-of-home placements. Findings from an institutional ethnography.**  
**MARIUS HILKERT, University of Tübingen**
- **Discursive Production of Childhood in Preschool Programmes**  
**NATASCHA SHALUTKEVICH, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- **Children's transitions and pathways in Finnish early childhood education and care**  
**KAISA HARJU & MARI VUORISALO, University of Jyväskylä, Finland**

## **Panel 9: Temporalities in the life course**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

**Chair: SABINE ANDRESEN, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Discussant: Valentina Cuzzocrea, University of Cagliari**

- ***How do gender transitions unfold? A new materialist ethnography***  
**LOUKA GOETZKE, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- ***Doing Time while Doing Transitions Online? Reflections on Time, Collective (online) Practices and Youth Transitions concerning Bodies, Sexualities and Gender***  
**JANA HEER, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

- ***Dis/Abling Transitions. Crip Time and Pedagogical Constructions of Sexual Development***

**MIRIAM BRUNNENGRÄBER & MAIK WIESEN, University of Mainz**

- ***Transitions, liminality, and the experiences of older adults in residential accommodation***

**MELANIE LOVATT, University of Stirling, UK**

**17:30 – 18:00      Break**

**18:00 – 19:00      Keynote 3**

**Room: Cas 1.801**

***Unexpected configurational changes: Life transitions in a relational perspective***

**ERIC WIDMER, University of Geneva**

**Chair: tba**

**20:00                      Conference dinner for all participants (upon prior registration)**

**Location:**

**ALEX Frankfurt Skyline Plaza**

**Europa-Allee 6, 60327 Frankfurt**

**Arrival with public transport:**

- **Subway U4: station “Festhalle/Messe”**
- **Tram 16 & 17: station “Festhalle/Messe”**
- **Tram 11 & 14 & 21: station “Güterplatz”**
- **Bus 46: station “Güterplatz” or “Platz der Einheit”**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of May**

**09:00 – 10:45     Panel session IV**

**Panel 10: Analysing transitions in relational perspective –  
methodological perspectives**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

**Chair: BARBARA STAUBER, University of Tübingen**

**Discussant: tba**

- ***Mapping Transitions in the Life Course – An Exploration of Process  
Ontological Potentials and Limits of Situational Analysis***  
**KARLA WAZINSKI & ANNA WANKA, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**
- ***Participation and Transition: Participatory Transition Research on  
Becoming Entangled with Deep Brain Stimulation***  
**TAMARA SCHWERTEL, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main & URSULA  
OFFENBERGER, University of Tübingen**
- ***Undecidability as a methodological and ethical stance in uncertain  
life course transitions***  
**SHVAT EILAT, Tel Aviv University**

**Panel 11: Chrononormativities in professional transitions**

**Room: Cas 1.812**

**Chair: ANDREAS WALTHER, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main**

**Discussant: Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha, LMU Munich**

- ***Temporalities in physicians' retirement transitions in Germany***  
**KHIRA SIPPLI, University of Tübingen**
- ***Struggle, search and design: changes of profession in-between  
norm(s) and professional practice***  
**STEFAN RUNDEL, University of the Bundeswehr Munich**

- ***Development processes in transition phases of participants in a vocational education and training programme (conducted by NGOs/foundations) in New Delhi, India***

**JENNY FEHRENBACHER, University of Education Freiburg**

**10:45 – 11:15      Coffee break**

**11:15 – 13:00      Commentary & final discussion**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

***Doing transitions, relationally: Implications, gains and open questions***

**RICK A. SETTERSTEN JR., Oregon State University**

**Chair: tba**

**13:00 – 13:15      Wrap-up and looking ahead**

**Room: Cas 1.811**

**BARBARA STAUBER, University of Tübingen**

**ANDREAS WALTHER, Goethe University Frankfurt**

**13:15                  End of conference**