

For a long time, social proximity, neighbourhood, and long-term sharing of local space were considered a central prerequisite for community building and the articulation of collective interests. Throughout history, various social and political initiatives and associations have reflected this in their approaches to social reform, as well as in their specific forms of recruitment, organization and social mobilization. In recent times however, spatial mobilities increasingly govern the everyday lives of large sections of populations around the world. Mobile ways of life arise from demands of globalized job markets, specific arrangements in family and personal relationships, or sophisticated leisure activities. Beyond the effects on individual lifeworlds and life-courses, the novel trans- and multi-local patterns also have a strong impact on how people build solidarities and engage in the realm of civil society. The workshop will take a closer look at the question of how a sense of community and collectivity is formed under mobile circumstances, how networks of solidarity and modes of participation function beyond locally rooted forms of organizing.

The workshop is organized by the interdisciplinary research group Cultures of Mobility in Europe (COME) which explores politics, practices, experiences and conceptions of mobility in Europe. <http://www.come.uni-freiburg.de>

Matthias Möller, Anna Lipphardt (convener)

Registration

As the number of participants is limited, please register by November 24. Basic participation is free. You have the option to book Thursday evening supper and/or Friday lunch at € 15 each. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be served. To register and book your meals please send an email to come@eu-ethno.uni-freiburg.de

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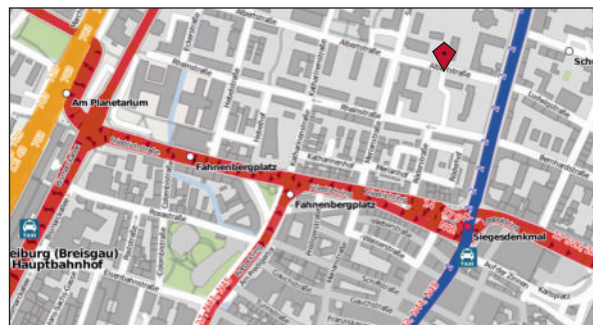
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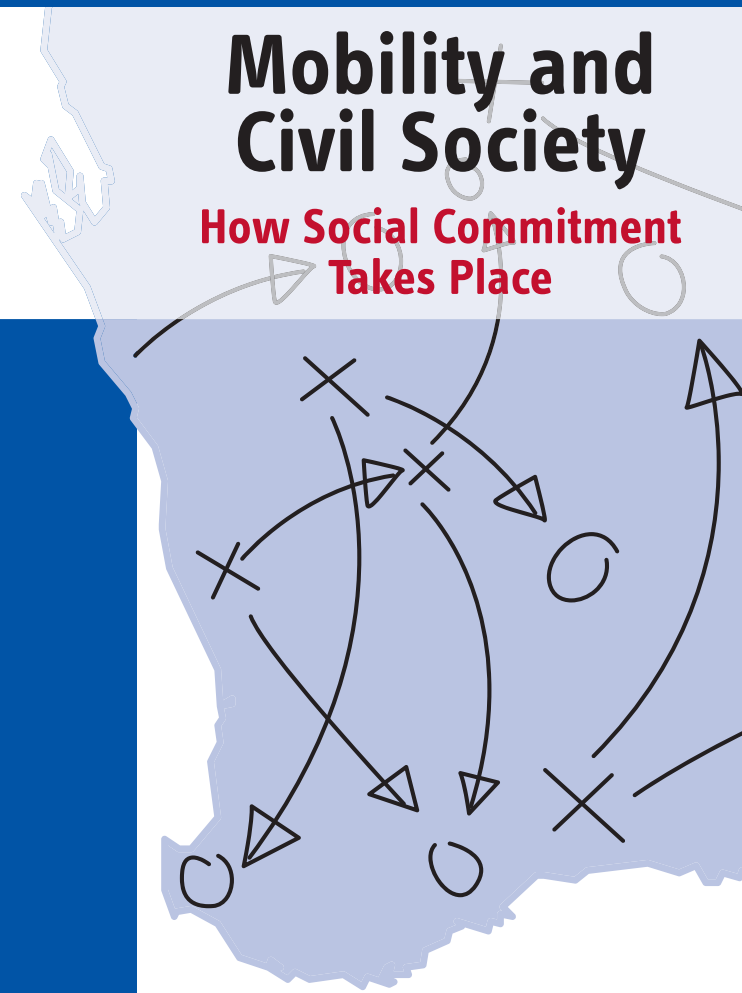
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**Cultures of Mobility
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Workshop

December 5/6, 2013 | Freiburg i.Br.

Mobility and Civil Society

How Social Commitment
Takes Place



Program

Thursday, December 5, 2013

13.30–14.00 Coffee and get-together

Introduction

14.00–14.10

Welcome by Anna Lipphardt

14.10–14.30

Introduction by Matthias Möller

Conceptual starting points

14.30–14.50

Exploring social protection across borders. A review of conceptual approaches and empirical findings.

Dr. Eberhard Raithelhuber
(Universität Trier)

15.00–15.20

Multi-local living and civic commitment.

Dr. Nicola Hilti
(Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich)

15.30–15.50

'We are everywhere'. How social movements create transurban spaces of engagement in complex media environments.

Dr. Marion Hamm
(Universität Graz)

16.00–16.30 **Discussion**

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

The actors' point of view I

17.00–17.20

Inter-ethnic political and policy engagement of British gypsies, travellers and roma.

Prof. Dr. Margaret Greenfields
(Buckinghamshire New University)

17.30–17.50

„Floating population“ in China – aspects of the extent and the (self-) organization.

Dipl.-Soz. Peter Franke
(Forum Arbeitswelten Bochum)

18.00–18.30 **Discussion**

19.30 Dinner and drinks

Friday, December 6, 2013

Introduction

09.00–09.15

Undermining commitment and integration?

Reflections on mobility as a force of inequality.

Dr. Katharina Manderscheid
(Universität Luzern)

The actors' point of view II

09.25–09.45

Why do transnationally mobile people volunteer?

Prof. Dr. Sandro Cattacin
(Université de Genève)

09.55–10.15

Political participation under the conditions of multi-locality. Why shuttles get involved with places.

Dr. Knut Petzold
(Universität Siegen)

10.25–10.55 **Discussion**

10.55–11.15 Coffee break

The local point of view

11.15–11.35

Practices of negotiating legitimate forms of mobility and sedentarism in the city of Basel.

Christina Besmer, MA / Dr. Ina Dietzsch
(Universität Basel)

11.45–12.05

Students' mobility, immigration and family strategies.

The role schools and local communities can play.

Prof. Dr. Sílvia Carrasco
(Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

12.15–12.45 **Discussion**

12.45–13.45 Lunch break

Round table with activists

13.45–15.15

Challenges and strategies for social commitment under mobile circumstances. Chaired by Dipl.-Soz.

Anaël Labigne (Freie Universität Berlin / Hertie School of Governance):

- Eric Lee: Founding editor of LabourStart.org – the news and campaigning website of the international trade union movement, London.
- Rex Osa: The VOICE Refugee Forum Germany, Stuttgart.
- Robert Rustem: European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF), Sofia/Strasbourg.
- Dr. Stefan Schneider: European Institute of Social Science & Participation (EISOP), Berlin.

15.15–15.45 Coffee break

Conclusion

15.45–16.30 **Final discussion**

16.30 Coffee and farewell