“The Minnesota School of Migration and Refugee Studies in Europe”

Date: February 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Venue: Seminar room I (first floor), Department of History, University of Vienna (Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna)

Program

9:00 a.m. Welcome Annemarie Steidl (University of Vienna)

9:15 a.m. Donna Gabaccia (Professor emerita, University of Toronto, Former Director of the Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota): “Introduction: The Minnesota School as Transnational Scholarship”

9:45 a.m. Dirk Hoerder (Professor emeritus, Arizona State University and University of Bremen): “The ‘Minnesota School’ and Transcultural Histories of Migration in the Bremen Project”

10:30 a.m. Panel 1: Migration in Geopolitical Spaces

Anna Mazurkiewicz (University Gdansk): “Transnational Patterns in Cold War Migrations – Emerging Research Agenda for International Research Teams”

Florence Vychytil-Baudoux (EHESS, Paris): “Polonia or Polonias? Polish Immigrant Communities and Their Political Practices during the Cold War”


Moderator/Chair: Donna Gabaccia

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Panel 2: Transnational Circulations, Part 1

Mirjam Milharčič Hladnik and Aleksej Kalec (Inštitut za slovensko izseljenstvo in migracije, Ljubljana): “The (Un)Explored Epistolary Sources and Slovenian Migrations: A Slow Work in Progress”

Rim Triki (Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis ISSHT, Tunis): “On the Track of Return Migration from the United States to Europe (1890s-1930s)”

Daniel Necas (University of Minnesota): “Digitizing Immigrant Letters”

Moderator/Chair: Annemarie Steidl

3:00 p.m. Coffee break

3:15 p.m. Panel 3: Transnational Circulations, Part 2

Barbara Lüthi (University of Koln) and Christa Wirth (University of Agder, Norway): “The Nexus of Agency – Knowledge in Migration Studies”

Barbara Louis (University of Vienna): “Jewish Women Refugees Carving out Professional and Academic Space in Social Work after 1933: The Case of Gisela Konopka and her Transatlantic Entanglements in Social Group Work”

Johanna Leinonen (Turku University): “Minnesota School as an Inspiration for Studying Forced Mobilities in Finland”

Moderator/Chair: Ursula Lehmkuhl (University of Trier)

5:00-5:45 p.m. Nancy Green (École des hautes études en sciences social, Paris): “Concluding Remarks: The Minnesota School Comes into its Own – with Thanks to Donna Gabaccia”