

MOVING, BEING, AND BELONGING IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Centre for Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship and Identity,
[Ayr Campus](#), University of the West of Scotland

Conference Programme: 11th – 12th June 2024

Day 1: Tuesday 11 th June 2024	
Time	Event
0930 – 1000	Registration Coffee/Tea
1000 – 1015	Welcome Professor Colin Clark, Associate Dean (Research and Innovation), UWS Professor Murray Leith and Dr Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, Co-Directors for CMDCI
1015 – 1100 (10 min for Q&A session)	Keynote Speaker Ian Houston, Honorary Professor, University of the West of Scotland
1100 – 1110	Break
1115 – 1200 (10 min for Q&A session)	Keynote Speaker Pinar Aksu, Maryhill Integration Network
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<p>First Panel Sessions</p> <p><i>Social Activism and responses to struggles for social justice for minority rights.</i></p> <p>Discussant: Dr Rebecca Gordon, UWS</p> <p>Format: Online/In Person</p> <p><i>'Persons Unknown': Imagining the Future Planning, Governance and Regulation of Gypsy/Traveller Sites in Scotland.</i> Professor Colin Clark, UWS</p> <p><i>Analysing activist citizenship: A 'noncitizenist' approach to understand contemporary sites of struggle within migration in Scotland.</i> Dr Natalia Farmer and Rory Anderson, Glasgow Caledonian University</p> <p><i>De-and Re-Territorialisation through Alter-geopolitics: Community Responses to the Displacement of People from Ukraine since 2022.</i> Professor Kathryn Cassidy, Dr Svitlana Odynets, Dr Maria Dubrova, Northumbria University (co-authors Online)</p>



<p>1300 – 1430</p> <p>First Panel Sessions</p>	<p><i>Inclusive methodologies in capturing migrants' live experiences.</i></p> <p>Discussant: Dr Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, UWS</p> <p>Format: In-person</p>	<p><i>Methodological Approaches 'Living in Limbo': Using Photovoice to Explore the Lived experiences of African Migrants with HIV.</i> Dr Dina P Sidhya, UWS</p> <p><i>Migration Stories North West: Global education perspectives from a community heritage project,</i> Karen Wynne, Co-Director, Liverpool World Centre</p> <p><i>Deconstructing Decolonisation of the Academy: how might post-qualitative approaches generate awareness and action to address the legacy of colonial inequalities in PhD.</i> Dr Beth Cross, UWS</p>
<p>1430 – 1445</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>	
<p>1445 – 1615</p> <p>Second Panel Sessions</p>	<p>Bordering Practices in Migration Studies</p> <p>Discussant: Dr Anna McKeever, UWS</p> <p>GT25</p> <p>Format: Online/In Person</p>	<p><i>Taking back control after Brexit: Ontological anxiety and the Damoclesian border.</i> Ben Rosher, Queens University, Belfast</p> <p><i>Researching migration through 'Nepantla': race, gender and immigration in the US-Mexico border.</i> Erika Herrera Rosales, Warwick University</p> <p><i>Exploring the Ontological Security of Young Adult Migrants in Glasgow,</i> Dr Marcus Nicolson, Institute for Minority Rights, Eurac Research (Online)</p>
	<p>Education and Belonging in Migration Studies</p> <p>Discussant: Dr Katy Hight, UWS</p> <p>Format: Online/In Person</p>	<p><i>Home and Away: the lived experiences of UK-based Algerian doctoral graduates on returning home to Algeria.</i> Amina Manal Zidi, UWS</p> <p><i>Bridging Borders through Education: A Comparative Study of Refugee Education in Turkey and Bangladesh</i> Sakib Abdullah Ibne Ataur, Gazi University, Türkiye (Online)</p> <p><i>Cultivating Cosmopolitanism and Promoting Belonging in Scottish Higher Education Internationalisation.</i> Dr Jayakumar Chinnasamy, UWS</p>
<p>1615 – 1630</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Break/change rooms</p>	
<p>1630 – 1730</p> <p>Workshop & Roundtable Sessions</p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion</p> <p><i>Talking Policy: Building networks and finding common ground</i> Hosted by Sustainable Policy Analysis Research Centre (SPARC), UWS</p> <hr/> <p>A Global South Roundtable</p>	

	<p><i>How do we engage with African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian countries (and their diaspora)?</i></p> <p>Hosted by: Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development (CAREED); Protracted Crisis Research Centre (PCRC); Centre for Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship and Identity (CMDICI)</p>
	<p>Workshop</p> <p><i>Visual Community Organising. The case of ACT ESOL: Language Resistance Theatre, Dr Nicolas Vass, UWS</i></p>
1730 – 1745	Break
1745 – 1830	<p>Performance</p> <p>Borders/ Sahar El-Hady</p> <p>Collaborating with individuals and families from Syrian, Ukrainian and other communities of refugees staying in Dumfries & Galloway, as well as with the agencies which support them, Sahar will present a performance of the play by Henry Naylor, which focuses on the experience of people who have been displaced from their homes and lives by war</p>
1830 – 2000	<p>Open reception for conference participants</p> <p>Canapes/Wine provided</p>

Day 2: Wednesday 12 th June 2024		
Time	Event	
0930 – 1000	Registration Coffee/Tea	
10.00 – 1045 (10 min for Q&A session)	Keynote Speaker Professor Rebecca Kay, Migration Policy Scotland	
1045 – 1055	Break	
1100 – 1230	<p>Moving Out, Staying and Returning: Complex mobility patterns of young people in Rural Context</p> <p>Format: Online Only</p>	<p><i>Policy context for youth out-migration in Scotland, Ana Vuin and Jane Atterton, Scotland's Rural College</i></p> <p><i>What social connections can tell us about young people migration patterns in rural Scotland? Emilia Pietka-Nykaza and Rosie Alexander, UWS</i></p> <p><i>To stay, migrate or return? Migration patterns of young people in rural Ireland. Dr Caitriona Ni Laoire, University College Cork</i></p>



Third Panel/ Roundtable Sessions	Seeking sanctuary in the UK: live experiences of young refugees in the UK	<i>Seeking solace in Scotland: disrupted belonging in an unfamiliar territory.</i> Sarah McKean, Johanne Miller and Mariann Docherty, UWS
	Discussant: Professor Colin Clark, UWS	<i>'Living on a Leash': (Un)agentive constructions of identity with an Eritrean refugee.</i> Raghav Venkatesh, UWS
	Format: In-person	<i>The Unheard Voices of Syrian refugee students: Understanding Syrian Secondary school children's educational and learning needs in Scotland.</i> Halima Ferhah, UWS
	Power of media in engaging with complex layers of identity formation	<i>'From the ground, it's a thing of beauty': walking critically through the landscapes of a galaxy far, far away.</i> Dr Colin Atkinson, UWS
	Discussant Dr Rachel Flynn, UWS	<i>Scottish Television Comedy and Identity: Gender, Class, Geography</i> Dr Mary Irvin, Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh (Online)
	Format: In person & Online	<i>Radicle Visions</i> , Dr Gray Felton, UWS (Online)
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
Fourth Panel session	Immigration Policy and Citizenship	<i>The Commodification of Citizenship? Understanding Golden Visas as an Alternative to Citizenship</i> , Dr Nicolai Due-Gundersen, United Nations (Online)
	Discussant: Dr Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, UWS	<i>Immigration and Integration Policy Change in France during Sarkozy's era.</i> Dr Anna McKeever, UWS
	Format: In-person and online	
Fourth Panel session	Belonging and staying together	<i>Belonging together: Translocal mobility and informal social security networks of young female migrants in Accra, Ghana.</i> Chiara Scheven, University of East Anglia & University of Copenhagen; Dr Christian Ungruhe, University of Passau
	Discussant: Professor Murray Leith, UWS	<i>Lost Potential or extended Community? The role of the diaspora in building sustainable futures for Scotland's Islands.</i> Kirsten Gow, University of Aberdeen/Hutton Institute (Online)
	Format: In-person and online	The 'Stayers' Dilemma: A Framework for the Study of Non-Migrants, Dr Klement Camaj, UWS
1445 – 1500	Coffee break	
1500 – 1545	<p>Centre for Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship and Identity (CMDICI).</p> <p>Public launch and roundtable discussion: <i>What next?</i></p> <p>Professor Murray Leith and Dr Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, Co-Directors of CMDICI</p>	



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1545 – 1630	End of conference Networking
1545 – 1630	PhD workshop: PhD Journeys in CMDICI All PhD students and CMDICI staff welcome