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**13-15
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Preliminary program

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2018

Location: Kulturzentrum PFL

- 15:00 **Registration:**
Coffee & tea
- 16:00 **Welcome:**
Opening and introduction
- 17:00 **Opening Keynote:**
The Structures of Knowledge of Westernized Universities,
Global Structures of Power and Migration
Ramon Grosfoguel (Berkeley University of California, USA)
- 18:30 **Reception:**
Drinks and Snacks

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 2018

Location: University of Oldenburg

- 9:00 **Keynote:**
Scholar Activism Between and Across the Mexico-U.S.
Borders
Alexandra Delano (The New School, NY, USA)

10:00-13:00 Parallel Panels

Panel 1: Multi-sited Enquiries in the U.S. and India

Moderator: tba

“If you are not Outraged, You’re Not Paying Attention”: How the Politics of Masculinization and National Security Defeated the Communist Promise of Social and Gender Justice in Tripura

Purna Banerjee (Presidency University, India)

Tame a Tongue, Detain a Toddler: Literacy Oppugnants and Migrant Policies at the Mexico/U.S. Border

Brian Fehler (Texas Woman’s University, USA)

‘Muted Voices, Gendered Memories’: Exploring the Boundaries of Academia and Activism through the Sylhet Partition

Apala Kundu (Independent researcher, India)

A Religious Exodus: Unveiling the Scheme to Divide a Nation Behind a Gendered, Populist, Nationalist, Discourse

Preeshita Biswas (Calcutta Research Group, India)

Crafting Out Loud: The Need for Intersectional Craftivism
Kathleen Irwin (Texas Woman's University, USA)

Panel 2: Enquiries and Action in African Migration States

Moderator: tba

Partnership between Academia and Civil Society in Migration Activism
Susan Alobo Toolit (Uganda Management Institute)

Academic Activism in Action: The Fight for the Right of African Marginalized through Inclusive Education: A case study from Botswana
Macdelyn Mosalagae (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

Between Academic Research and Activism: Identity and Multiculturalism in Sudan
Natalina Yaqub Abbo (Afhad University for Women, Sudan)

Returning as a Foreigner: Home, Belonging and Citizenship of South Sudanese Returning to Khartoum
Sarah Wani (Afhad University for Women, Sudan) and **Ulrike Schultz** (Friedensau Adventist University, Germany)

Panel 3: Asylum in Europe? Multi-Sited Contestations

Moderator: tba

The Ethos of Research in Struggles for Refugee Rights Reflections on the 2017 Occupations of Sappho Square and SYRIZA Offices in Lesbos, Greece
Salim A. Nabi (York University, Canada)

Alternative Methodologies and Conceptual Approaches - Art and Activism
Eveliina Lyytinen (Migration Institute of Finland)

Migration Research: Challenging Processes of Othering and Hierarchies, Reflection on Power Differences when Working with Participants who have an Insecure Status
Valerie Vitzthum (Kent University, UK)

Alternative Asylum and Refugee Narratives: Deconstructing the role of NGOs and Civil Society within an Evolving European Public Sphere
Muhamed Amin (University of Ottawa, Canada)

Representing the Other: A Case for a Collaborative Approach between Law and Anthropology in Rethinking the Common European Asylum System: The Example of Italy
Jovana Bogicevic (International University College of Turin, Italy)

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 **Keynote:**
Kritnet: Trial and Errors of Activist Academic Knowledge
Production in the Field of Border Studies
Sabine Hess (Göttingen University, Germany)

15:30 **Keynote:**
Migration Research and the Terms of Engagement:
Reflections on Knowledge, Power and Resistance
Aziz Choudry (McGill University, Canada)

16:15 Coffee/Tea Break

16:45-18:15 Parallel Panels and Workshops

Workshop: Migration Studies and Activist Research Practice
Aziz Choudry (McGill University, Canada) and **Erika Massoud** (European
Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations)

Workshop: The Balkanroute: Paste, Present, and Future
Jure Gombač (University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia) and **Barbara Beznec**
(University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Panel 4: Participatory Research and Genders
Moderator: tba

Digital Citizenship and Migrant Activism: Online Alterity and Documentation
of Migrant Experience
Baldeep Grewal (University of Wuerzburg, Germany)

For whose benefit? Critical reflections on participatory research with
LGBTQ+ migrants, refugees and asylum seekers living in South Africa
John Marnell (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

Violence in Love: The Story of Three Migrant Women and One Queer Woman
Alois S. Baleni (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

The Echo of the 'Knowing Subject': Geopolitics, Methodologies and
Transgender Asylum Seekers
B Camminga (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

19:30 **Book Presentation: *Mengedegna - The Wayfarers***
Yordanos Almaz Seifu (EMMIR Alumnus, Ethiopia)

20:30 End of Day 2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2018

Location: University of Oldenburg

9:00 **Keynote:**
Working Through the Double-Binds: Refractions on Research with Sex Workers in India
Debolina Dutta (University of Melbourne, Australia)

11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30-13:00 Parallel Panels

Panel 5: Political Subjectivity in Forced Migration Studies in the Postcolonial World

Moderator: tba

Sumita Sen, Paula Banerjee, Ranabir Samaddar (Calcutta Research Group)

Panel 6: Art-based Activism in Migration Societies

Moderator: **Duduzile Ndlovu** (TBC)

When migration invades the exhibition space: an analysis of the Olafur Eliasson Artistic workshop at the 57th Venice Biennale

Amarildo Ajasse (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy) and **Bojana Babic** (Humboldt University, Germany)

We See You - Storytelling as Activism for Better Asylum Politics in Finland

Linda Bäckman; Ahmad Hosseini; Camilla Marucco (Åbo Akademi University, Finland; University of Turku, Finland)

Implications, Explorations and Sustainability in Applied Theatre with Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers

Cecelia Price Jabarine-Marshall (EMMIR Alumna, USA)

Diversity by tokenistic inclusion of refugee stories? Towards a Meaningful Participation of Refugees in Media

Jean Ngendahimana (EMMIR Alumnus, Rwanda)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 Closing Session