

## 22. International Conference of Migration

### Call for Papers on the conference focal theme ‘Multicultural Conviviality’ and ‘Current Challenges in the Context of Migration’

#### 22nd International Migration Conference (22ICM)

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‘Multicultural Conviviality’ is the conference topic of the International Migration Conference 2022. The program has two thematic foci: one interlinked with the conference topic ‘*Multicultural Conviviality*’ and a second under the general thematic rubric ‘*Current challenges in the context of migration*’. Proposals can be submitted related to both topics. The conference languages are German and English; presentations and discussions will not be translated. The plan is to implement the conference in a hybrid format, both in-person and digitally.

#### Call for Papers -- Overview of the conference topic ‘Multicultural Conviviality’

Living with differences has become an individual and social task and challenge in modernity under conditions of worldwide ever-increasing interconnections. This is particularly the case where in the context of diverse multiplex migratory movements, new forms of social practices are being developed and tried out in local and regional spaces in order to shape innovative ways of living together. In the context of a post-colonial perspective, these approaches are termed ‘multicultural conviviality’; in a decolonial perspective this is called ‘interculturality.’ The key question here is principally how – through cooperation at the local level – new forms of solidarity and belonging can be generated, i.e., the mutual obligation between persons who initially are strangers one to the other, and what dynamic processes of individual and social learning are associated therewith. In the context of migration, this often entails confronting the question of how contexts ‘locked’ or ‘closed’, i.e., social relations determined by exclusion and racism, can be developed into ‘open’ localities and regions that promote togetherness and fellow feeling through solidarity and mutual respect. The point of departure for this is the view of a radically changed conception of living together, in which social and cultural differences are transposed and translated anew, transformed and intermeshed as they are related to everyday life realities and situations. In contrast with other approaches in multiculturalism, the point of

reference of ‘multicultural conviviality’ is no longer the question of identity or the politics of identity; rather, front and central here are everyday practices and the concrete actions of actors. As social praxis, ‘multicultural conviviality’ is closely linked with processes of ‘making a home.’ Because wherever inhospitable relations are transformed into more friendly and hospitable, welcoming ones – and ‘multicultural conviviality’ thus emerges – a feeling equally develops that is grounded on friendship and solidarity, namely a sense of what can be called ‘being at home.’ That is because ‘multicultural conviviality’ does not arise simply from being together; rather it is the result of pro-active social praxis. Such practices are (a) dependent on continuous attention and curiosity, and (b) on the possibility to develop care and concern for the local context and for empathy, down-to-earth worldliness. They also entail honing an ability to establish bonds and relations that overarch boundaries. Such practices conducive to shaping ‘multicultural conviviality’ are also dependent on (c) the crystallizing of aversion to the lust for hate, and (d) on the capability to enter into social relationships and construct a new home (and life) for oneself. In this way, on one hand this gives rise to the concrete question as to the genesis and elaboration of resistance (movements) against ignorance and open hatred of ‘others’; on the other, it also sparks the question regarding aims and possibilities that can be triggered and arise through engaging in resistant counter-action. For that reason, conference papers/ presentations on the topic of ‘multicultural conviviality’ should seek to take a probing look at migration realities in local on-the-ground contexts. They should try to point up how existing boundaries can be dealt with, shifted or surmounted in order to give space and air to new forms of living together. The papers can also thematically explore various individual aspects of ‘multicultural conviviality’ (a-d).

### **Call for Papers, open section: Current challenges in the context of migration**

In the open section of the international migration conference, current challenges in the context of migration can be illuminated and discussed. Of special interest are thematic complexes connected with questions regarding education, participation, marginalization and cultures of memory. These can be discipline-oriented, particularly in the realm of social work and the educational sciences, but can also be situated in other disciplines of social-sciences and humanities, since we place great value on inter-disciplinary debate and discussion in the context of the conference. Along with a thematic spotlight on migration in the more strict sense, a focus can also lie on questions connected with (new) minorities, i.e., Individuals and groups that have no direct experience of migration, but which in public discourses are often still beset by exclusion and devaluation, such as when they are stigmatized as migrants, strangers or outsiders.

Welcome are theoretical and empirical papers based on current international and internationally comparative studies, in particular from countries in the Global South.

**Please include your proposal under one of the following sub-topics and note this in the proposal:**

### **Thematic focal areas**

1. Theory
2. Multicultural Conviviality
3. Education
4. Participation
5. Marginalization
6. Cultures of Memory

### **Submission and format of the proposal**

1. Submission of a proposal is only possible online at: [www.migrationskonferenz.ch](http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch)
2. A proposal should be limited to a maximum of 300 words (including presentation title and short bio) as well as contact address (Email, telephone and postal address).
3. The proposal should be under one of the six thematic focal areas.
4. Please indicate in which conference languages you can present and discuss (German and English), or if possible in both languages.

### **Deadlines**

**Proposal submission:**

**until 15 January 2022**

**Notification to applicants on their proposals:**

February 2022

Conference languages:

German and English

General information available at:

[www.migrationskonferenz.ch](http://www.migrationskonferenz.ch)

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- Institute for Regional and Migration Research IRM (Germany)
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