

Solidarität

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25th International Migration Conference

Call for Papers

Wednesday, 11 June to Friday, 13 June 2025

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Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland
FHNW (Olten, Switzerland)

“Solidarity” is the focus of the 2025 International Migration Conference. We also welcome submissions on migration in “Sustainable Global Social Work and Education”. Conference languages are German and English. Presentations and discussions will not be translated.

Call for papers on the theme “Solidarity”

“Solidarity” refers to a specific form of support that is generally based on reciprocity, though the latter does not have to be immediate, as in interactive contexts, but can take place over time and space. The concrete reference point for solidarity is not necessarily tied to the presence of individuals, social or institutional contexts: Ideas from individuals, communities, and regional, national or global societies can also be the subject of solidarity actions. This is the case when, for example, individuals base their demands for solidarity on specific social situations and institutions, or on natural propositions, such as climate change.

In the context of migration, “solidarity” is increasingly being used to describe the specific form of concrete support relationships that are created in the areas of family, labour groups, civil society and even the welfare state. This is the case, for example, in the dimensions of care, inclusion, health, and sustainability in each area. Solidarity is therefore not only a concrete practice but also an attitude and orientation specific to modern societies. It is based on ideas of equality and represents specific forms of concrete and lasting social relationships. Since the French Revolution, this specific attitude has been linked to the concept of social “solidarity” promises, as expressed in the triad of liberty, equality and fraternity. The effects are seen in both interpersonal and social contexts, embedding solidarity in relations of power and

domination. In addition to these political forms, social forms of solidarity are seen for example, in neighborhoods, cities and communities where exclusions and divisions can be overcome on a systemic and symbolic level through neighbourly and civic forms of coexistence.

In the context of migration, solidarity takes on special meanings where people initially encounter each other, and social relationships must be reformed to create the conditions for new forms of community and belonging. Established forms of solidarity are called into question in modern migration societies and are subjected to adaptation and change in equal measure in social negotiation processes.

With this in mind, the contributions to the 25ICM will explore the broad field of “solidarity” in migration societies, highlight new developments, examine current demands for solidarity and ask whether the concept still offers opportunities for a “multicultural conviviality”, for a peaceful and mutually supportive future.

Call for papers in the open section on migration and “Sustainable Global Social Work and Education”

Current migration research can be presented in the open part of the International Migration Conference. Of particular interest are interdisciplinary and international studies in education, participation, marginalization, and cultures of remembrance. The focus can also be on issues related to (new) minorities, for example people and groups who are not migrants but are nevertheless treated as such in public discourse or social media. Also welcome are contributions on “Sustainable Global Social Work and Education”, “Philosophy and Migration”, and approaches to sustainable development and peace building in migration societies.

For both parts of the conference, theoretical as well as empirical contributions from current international and comparative studies, especially from countries of the Global South, are welcome, as are contributions on current migration and refugee movements (e.g. from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sudan).

Please assign your contribution to one of the following topics and note it in your proposal:

Topics

CFP1 “Solidarity”

1. definitions of solidarity and migration
2. politics and solidarity
3. family and solidarity
4. labour, employment and solidarity
5. education, social work and solidarity
6. civil society, city, community and solidarity
7. crises and solidarity (climate change, wars, disasters)
8. philosophy of solidarity and migration

CFP2 “Migration and sustainable global social work and education”

1. education
2. social work
3. philosophy
4. cultures of remembrance
5. minorities
6. peacebuilding

Submission and format of the proposal

- proposals must be submitted online at <https://www.migrationskonferenz.ch/en/>
- proposals must not exceed 300 words, including the title of the presentation, a short biography and a contact address (e-mail, telephone and postal address)
- please indicate which of the main topics your contribution addresses
- please indicate whether you wish to present / discuss in German or English, or both.

Deadlines

**Proposal submissions in German/English:
until 15 January 2025**

Notification to applicants on their proposals:
February 2025

General information available at:

<https://www.migrationskonferenz.ch/en/>

Participation in the conference as a speaker

Participation in the conference as a speaker is subject to a fee. When their proposed contributions have been accepted, authors will be asked to register for the conference for a fee. Only registered speakers will be included in the programme.

Conference organisers

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- Centre de Documentation sur les Migrations Humaines CDMH (Dudelange, Luxembourg)
- Institute for Educational Science and Educational Research and UNESCO Chair Global Citizenship Education - Culture of Diversity and Peace at the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (Austria)
- Institute for Regional and Migration Research IRM (Germany)
- Competence Platform for Migration, Intercultural Education and Development (KOPF) of the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences at Cologne University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

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