



Call for Papers

Workshop Session: Vulnerabilisation of migrant workers during crises

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Migrant workers are disproportionately affected by crises for a wide variety of reasons, including their socio-economic and legal status. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the variety of public health risks that migrants face in their everyday life and the resulting volatility. For these reasons, migrant workers are perceived as a “vulnerable” group. However, this “vulnerabilisation” is often shaped by social orders and power relations.

The workshop will focus on the experiences, coping mechanisms and strategies of migrant workers. More precisely, it will investigate how “vulnerability” and its related processes are experienced by migrant workers during crises; to what resources migrant workers turn to during these times; and how crises affect their (im)mobility practices. In so doing, the workshop will highlight the intersecting factors of social, political, and economic dynamics that contribute to migrant workers’ vulnerabilities, including exploitative labor practices, discriminatory policies, and limited access to social protection.

- deadline for submitting abstracts: 5 January 2024
- length of abstracts: max. 2000 characters
- language of the workshop: EN
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