



Volkswagen Foundation

Project: Borders – Leeways. Migration of Polish Women to the Ruhr Area

Call for Papers for the Conference on

UNDOCUMENTED AND DOCUMENTED MIGRATION WITHIN EUROPEFriday the 13th to Sunday the 15th of January 2006

The conference is aimed to look at undocumented and documented migration within Europe. Particular reference is given to migration between eastern European and western European countries and the occupation areas of reproductive work, agricultural work and service sector.

We like to consider three perspectives and their interrelatedness:

The perspective on the micro level concerns the migrant's **household unit**, its relevance in decision making processes, the changes it goes through e.g. number of household locations and people involved, changes in role performances, duties and status; economic and living conditions of the pluri-local household unit.

The perspective on the meso level concerns the migrant's (transnational) **network** its qualitative and functional aspects in different stages of migration, e.g. spatial extend, number and ethnical background of people involved, frequency and quality of (exchange) relations; tasks performed by network members; changing status positions in the network. We also like to include here informal organisations, which compensate the lack of (personal) networks by offering jobs and housing in return to payment and therefore establish shadow-economy-structures.

The perspective on the macro level concerns **structures of societies** of countries involved, how do they provoke and are effected by (documented and undocumented) migration. This includes processes in regard to economy (e.g. international division of labour, globalisation, income differences), welfare systems, social mobility.

Finally we also invite papers dealing with particular methodological and epistemological issues of migration studies e.g. multi sited research, intercultural research and research with people living partially clandestine lives.

Abstract submission: Electronic abstracts of between 400-500 words should be submitted by the 1st of October 2005 to:

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Abstract authors will be notified of paper acceptance by the 21st of November 2005.

The conference is organised by a joint research project of the University of Dortmund and the Jagiellonian University Kraków (Dr. Dobrochna Kałwa) and part of the Interdisciplinary Research Program at the University of Dortmund: Dynamics of Gender Configuration.

Speakers will be offered free accommodation and travel expenses.