PROGRAMME
The international conference will focus on transborder practices, their ensuing transnational formations, and the resulting transformations from the perspective of social support.

The four main topics of the conference are:

- Notions of belonging and membership and their negotiations through and within the fields of biographies, online spaces, diasporic education organizations, and religion.
- Enclosed spaces and transnational phenomena in ethnographic field work, with case studies including a foster home, a refugee camp, missionary training, and senior citizens clubs.
- Different forms of mobilities and immobilities and their impact on the transformation and perpetuation of social support and care within different transnational settings.
- The impact of transnational processes on the knowledge of individual and collective actors on dealing with pressures.

CALL FOR POSTERS
The poster session provides an interdisciplinary forum for PhD, postdoctoral, and Master students to present their current research projects. If you wish to participate please submit an abstract (max. 500 words) to call-for-posters@transnationalsupport.de.

The application deadline is 31 July 2014. Applicants will be notified by mid-August if their poster has been accepted.

LOCATION AND DATE
The Conference will take place 22–23 September 2014 at Erbacher Hof Akademie & Tagungszentrum des Bistums Mainz Grebenstraße 24–26 55116 Mainz (Germany)

Directions to the conference place can be downloaded here: → www.transnationalsupport.de

PARTICIPATION
Please register by 22 August 2014 via email: info@transnationalsupport.de

The registration fee is €50 (€25 for students) and includes dinner on Monday, lunch on Tuesday, and drinks. Much to our regret, we will not be able to fund travel costs or accommodation.

For further information and registration details, please contact: → info@transnationalsupport.de (Felix Benjamin Platz).

ORGANIZATION
Research Training Group “Transnational Social Support”, financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) and located at the University of Hildesheim Foundation and University of Mainz.

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MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2014

12:00  Registration
13:00  Conference Opening
13:30  Development of RTG
13:45  PANEL 1: NEGOTIATING BELONGINGS
15:45  Coffee Break
16:15  PANEL 2: ENCLOSED SPACES?
18:15  Break
18:30  Closing Session - ImproTheatre
19:15  Dinner at Erbacher Hof

Sooon Won Jung: “Citizen and Foreigner” – Biographies of South Korean Nurses in Germany.
Yvonne Bach: Tibetan Buddhism in Germany: A Context for the Study of Transnational Buddhist Activities.

DISCUSSANTS
Yonson Ahn
University of Frankfurt, GER
Rudhramoorthy Cheran
Windsor University, Windsor, CA
Amina Doherty
Kingston, JM
Bruno Galasek
University of California, Berkeley, US

MODERATOR
Hauke Jan Rolf
University of Mainz, GER

Carolin Oppermann: “Wanna go Clubbing?” Senior Citizens Clubs as a Transnational Phenomenon.
Leonie Wetzel: “Traveling, Visiting, Smuggling …” - (Subversive) Boundary Crossing Strategies in a Tibetan Foster Home
Annegoth Bochmann: The Local Accomplishment of Leaving and Returning to a Refugee Camp.
Hanna Rettig: Travelling (in an) Enclosed Space? Observations from an Evangelical Missionary Training

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2014

09:00  Lecture by Nandita Sharma
       Hawai’i University, Hawai’i, US
10:00  Break
10:15  PANEL 3: “[IM]MOBILE SUPPORT”
12:15  Lunch Break
13:15  Poster Session
14:15  Coffee Break
14:30  PANEL 4: KNOWLEDGE IN STRAINS
16:30  Wrap Up

Vincent Horn: Aging and Care Circulation across Borders: Perspectives of Older Peruvians in Spain and Peru.
Alice Altissimo: (Im)Mobile Support in International Students’ Networks.
Rajalakshmi Kanagavel: “Digital” Social Transformation? Disentangling the Interrelationship between Mobility and Media.

DISCUSSANT
Loretta Baldassar
University of Western Australia, AU

Lucia Artner: “Trying to Learn Together” - Knowledge in INGO and Local Community Development Projects.
Edward Omeni: African Students in Poland. Perceived Discrimination, Resilience and Coping.

DISCUSSANT
Magdalena Nowicka
University of Berlin, GER

MODERATOR
Eberhard Raithelhuber
University of Trier, GER