

## 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](mailto: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  
Greibenstraße 24–26  
55116 Mainz (Germany)**

Directions to the conference place can be downloaded here: → [www.transnationalsupport.de](http://www.transnationalsupport.de)

## PARTICIPATION

Please register by **22 August 2014** via email: [info@transnationalsupport.de](mailto: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](mailto: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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**TRANSBORDER. TRANSNATION.  
TRANSFORMATION.**  
Perspectives on Social Support

International Conference  
22–23 September 2014  
Mainz (Germany)

- 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

Soon Won Jung:  
**"Citizen and Foreigner" –  
 Biographies of South Korean  
 Nurses in Germany.**

**DISCUSSANTS**

Yonson Ahn  
 University of Frankfurt, GER

Rudhramoorthy Cheran  
 Windsor University, Windsor, CA

Gavaza Maluleke:  
**Transnational Feminism: The  
 Question of African Migrant  
 Women in Europe.**

Amina Doherty  
 Kingston, JM

Bruno Galasek  
 University of California, Berkeley, US

Thusinta Somalingam:  
**"Doing-Ethnicity" – The Function  
 of Tamil Educational Organizations  
 as Border-Crossing Actors.**

**MODERATOR**

Hauke Jan Rolf  
 University of Mainz, GER

Yvonne Bach:  
**Tibetan Buddhism in Germany:  
 A Context for the Study of Trans-  
 national Buddhist Activities.**

Carolin Oppermann:  
**"Wanna go Clubbing?"  
 Senior Citizens Clubs as a  
 Transnational Phenomenon.**

**DISCUSSANTS**

Luann Good Gingrich  
 York University, Toronto, CA

Julia Meredith Hess  
 University of New Mexico, US

Leonie Wetzel:  
**"Traveling, Visiting,  
 Smuggling ..." - (Subversive)  
 Boundary Crossing Strategies  
 in a Tibetan Foster Home**

Inga Truschkat  
 University of Hildesheim, GER

Simon Turner  
 Aalborg University, Copenhagen, DK

Annett 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**

- 09:00 Lecture by Nandita Sharma  
Hawai'i University, Hawaii, 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.**

**DISCUSSANT**

Loretta Baldassar  
 University of Western Australia, AU

Alice Altissimo:  
**(Im)Mobile Support in Inter-  
 national Students' Networks.**

Rajalakshmi Kanagavel:  
**"Digital" Social Transformation?  
 Disentangling the Interrelationship  
 between Mobility and Media.**

Lucia Artner:  
**"Trying to Learn Together" -  
 Knowledge in INGO and  
 Local Community  
 Development Projects.**

**DISCUSSANT**  
 Magdalena Nowicka  
 University of Berlin, GER

**MODERATOR**  
 Eberhard Raithelhuber  
 University of Trier, GER

Annemarie Duscha:  
**Boundaries & Knowledge.  
 A Migrant Organization's View  
 on Social Support Processes.**

Edward Omeni:  
**African Students in Poland.  
 Perceived Discrimination,  
 Resilience and Coping.**