

## Organizing Institutions

### Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies

The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a research and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel. As part of the department of Humanities and Social Sciences the institute offers a master's degree with a unique specialization in "Migration and Citizenship." The SFM's declared aim is to make a pragmatic contribution to discussions of topics relevant to migration. It fosters interdisciplinary research on the circulation of people, goods and knowledge.

[migration-population.ch](http://migration-population.ch)

### German Marshall Fund of the United States

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) strengthens transatlantic cooperation on regional, national, and global challenges and opportunities in the spirit of the Marshall Plan. GMF contributes research and analysis and convenes leaders on transatlantic issues relevant to policymakers. GMF offers rising leaders opportunities to develop their skills and networks through transatlantic exchange, and supports civil society in the Balkans and Black Sea regions by fostering democratic initiatives, rule of law, and regional cooperation.

[gmfus.org](http://gmfus.org)

## Funding Institutions

### nccr – on the move

The nccr – on the move is the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies. It aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration and mobility patterns and to establish an innovative and competitive field of research on migration and mobility in Switzerland. The overall scientific aim of the nccr – on the move is to offer a comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework for understanding the character of and the experienced shifts in contemporary migration and mobility to Switzerland.

[nccr-onthemove.ch](http://nccr-onthemove.ch)

### Stiftung Mercator Schweiz

Mercator Foundation Switzerland is committed to a dedicated and open-minded society, which treats the environment with respect and provides children and youth with equal education opportunities. For this purpose, the foundation initiates projects and supports initiatives of organizations and institutions that share its objectives.

[stiftung-mercator.ch](http://stiftung-mercator.ch)

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STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION

# 1st Meeting Young Policy Network on Migration

## Münchenwiler 29 January – 2 February 2018

### Program



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International mobility, migration and the resulting diversity within societies will continue to impact the national and global political agenda in the decades to come. In order to address the challenges and opportunities that go along with these developments, it is important to have an encompassing understanding of the different relevant policy fields and to develop active networks between different stakeholders.

The Young Policy Network on Migration (YPNM) is an interdisciplinary network of young professionals working in the field of migration. Bringing together migration researchers, practitioners and policy stakeholders who have gathered initial work experiences in the field, the first network meeting of the 26 YPNM fellows aims to allow for a change of perspectives among them. Throughout this meeting, scholars will get insights into the policy-making process on migration and the practical real-life challenges. Practitioners will gain enhanced understanding of current research topics and results. The fellows will discuss what research is most relevant for policy-makers and how it can be best communicated to them.

Along the transversal questioning on the link between research, practice and policy in the field of migration, three main topics will be discussed throughout the week: *Social cohesion in diverse societies, Past and future of the international protection regime and International migration policies: borders, deals, development.* Merging the academic and the practical perspective, the YPNM fellows will examine how mobility changes societies, and question the future of diversity and migration management on a global level.

## Monday, 29 January 2018 | Connecting Research and Policy in the Field of Migration

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- 08:00 Arrival and Breakfast
- 11:00 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Prof. Gianni D'Amato, Director of the nccr – on the move and the SFM, University of Neuchatel  
Astrid Ziebarth, Senior Migration Fellow, GMF Berlin
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Connected or Disconnected? The Relationship between Academics, Policy-Makers and Practitioners in the Field of Migration**  
Elizabeth Collett, Director of the Migration Policy Institute Europe, Brussels
- 14:30 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Group Work
- 17:00 Private Time
- 18:00 Welcome Activity (Teambuilding) and Aperitif
- 19:30 Dinner

## Tuesday, 30 January 2018 | Social Cohesion in Diverse Societies

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Immigrant Integration in Europe: Common Principles and Challenges**  
Prof. Christian Joppke, Director of the Institute for Sociology, University of Bern
- 09:30 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Group Work

- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Philosophical Walk around the Castle
- 14:45 Coffee Break
- 15:15 Group Work
- 16:30 Private Time
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 Fireside Talks

## Wednesday, 31 January 2018 | Past and Future of the International Protection Regime

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Simulation Game “Global Migration”**  
Simon Raiser and Björn Warkalla, Directors Planpolitik (DE)
- 12:45 Debrief of Simulation Game
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:45 Debrief (continued)
- 16:30 Coffee Break and Private Time
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 Fireside Talks

## Thursday, 1 February 2018 | International Migration Policies: Borders, Deals, Development

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Cooperation in International Migration and Development: a Swiss View**  
Eduard Gnesa, Former Ambassador for International Migration, Switzerland
- 09:30 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 World Café
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Departure by Bus to Bern
- 14:30 Visit of the Exhibition “Flucht/Fuir” (“Escape”) in the Historical Museum Bern
- 15:45 Round Table Discussion with **Farhad Farman Haji**, Founder of the NGO Integrationsbrücke
- 17:00 Private Time in Bern
- 18:00 Aperitif and Dinner in the Restaurant “Lorenzini” in Bern
- 20:00 Departure from Bern by Bus, Return to the Castle

## Friday, 2 February 2018 | Actor's Cooperation in the Policy Field of Migration

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Is Europe Losing its Soul in Refugee Policies?**  
Prof. Petra Bendel, Director of the Central Institute of Regional Research, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
- 09:30 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Reflection on the YPNM Week and Outlook
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Farewell and Departure