

UNSETTLING COMMUNITIES

diversity, mobility and displacement
in an age of growing authoritarianism

IRIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

MONDAY, 7 SEPT 2026 (PHD DAY) - EDGBASTON CAMPUS

Time	Activity	Venue
12.30-13.00	Registration, coffee & tea	Murray Learning Centre
13.00-13.15	Welcome & introduction: • Dr Laurence Lessard-Phillips, Director of PGR, School of Social Policy and Society, University of Birmingham • Prof Nando Sigona, Director of Institute for Research into International Migration and Superdiversity (IRIS), University of Birmingham	MLC, UG09
13.15-14.45	Roundtable Doing research in a hostile environment: Pathways to self-care and change Chair: Olivia Petie (University of Birmingham) Speakers: • Dr Victorie Knox (Refugee Law Initiative, University of London) • Professor Jenny Phillimore (University of Birmingham) • Dr Melanie Griffiths (University of Birmingham)	MLC, UG09
14.45-15.15	Coffee & tea	MLC
15.15-16.45	Panel 1 Spaces of belonging, identity and home Chair: Professor Adrian Favell (University College Cork) • Keira Pinqiao Wang (Swansea University), <i>Buoyant belonging, precarious citizenship: Mainland Chinese and Hong Kong migrants in Wales</i> • Olivia Petie (University of Birmingham), <i>Home-making in an unhome: everyday experiences in asylum hotels</i> • Orouba Othman (Birzeit University Université libre de Bruxelles), <i>Non-Place, Memory, and Imaginaries of Return in Gaza</i> • Yunchong Bao (University of Birmingham), <i>International romantic relationships and marriages involving Chinese nationals in the UK and China</i>	MLC, UG09
	Panel 2 Creative representations and contestations Chair: Professor Cláudia Hilsdorf Rocha (State University of Campinas, UNICAMP, Brazil) • Christine Vicera (National University of Singapore), <i>Archiving Against: Critical Collective Memory Work with Minoritised</i>	MLC, UG07

	<i>Im/migrant Communities in Hong Kong</i> - Clem Atkins (University of Birmingham), <i>A Big, Big, BIG Journey: The Role of Illustrated Animals in Children's Migration Narratives</i> - Qinran Wang (University of Birmingham), <i>Shifting Perspectives: A study of the voice of refugees in the context of "humanitarian gaze" in refugee documentaries through Iranian refugees in Birmingham</i> - Filyra Vlastou Dimopoulou (National Technical University of Athens Paris 1 Sorbonne University), <i>Shifting imaginaries of refugee deservingness through the lens of the Lavrio camp in Greece</i>	
17.00-17.15	Coffee & tea	MLC
17.15-18.45	Panel 3 (Ir)regularity, labour, and financial wellbeing Chair: Dr Laurence Lessard-Phillips (University of Birmingham) - Beatriz de Figueiredo (European University Institute), <i>Working in the Catch-22: Informal Livelihoods and the Co-Production of Irregularity in Italy</i> - Iram Amir (SOAS, University of London), <i>Export-Oriented Citizenship: A Comparative Analysis of South Asian Labour Migration and the Coloniality of the GCC Corridor</i> - Tobiloba Afolabi (Aston University), <i>Shadows that Linger: Colonial Legacies and the Financial Well-Being of Ageing Migrants</i> - Vaibhav Ojha (online, Boston College), <i>Does Marriage to a Native Citizen Improve Labor Market Outcomes for Immigrants?</i>	MLC, UG09
	Panel 4 Border regimes and resistance Chair: Professor Nando Sigona (University of Birmingham) - Beth Richardson (University of Birmingham), <i>Torture in the Context of Asylum: Shifting the Focus from the Individual-Humanitarian to the Decolonial</i> - Irene Saggese (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa & Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici, Naples), <i>Migration and the Border as a Philosophical-Political Site: Rethinking Political Community Beyond the Nation-State</i> - Kirstin Sonne (University of Edinburgh), <i>Contesting transitoriness: civil society organisations' practices to counter the forced im/mobility of people seeking protection</i> - Nabila N. Islam (Brown University), <i>Cruel and Usual: Recursive Racial Cruelty at the US Immigration Courts</i>	MLC, UG07
18.45-19.00	Comfort break	MLC
19.00-19.30	Discussion and feedback Professor Adrian Favell, Professor Cláudia Hilsdorf Rocha, Professor Nando Sigona, Dr Laurence Lessard-Phillips	MLC, UG09
20.00-21.30	Reception with drinks and nibbles	Joe's, Guild of Students, UOB campus

TUESDAY, 8 SEPT – THE EXCHANGE, BIRMINGHAM

Time	Activity	Venue
8.30-9.15	Registration	Atrium, The Exchange
9.15-9.30	Welcome and introduction - Professor Will Leggett, Head of the School of Social Policy and Society, University of Birmingham - Professor Nando Sigona, Director of IRIS, University of Birmingham	Assembly, The Exchange
9.30-11.00	Plenary 1 Coloniality and the politics of mobility and difference Chair: Dr Kamran Khan (University of Birmingham) Speakers: - Professor Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany) - Professor Adrian Favell (University College Cork, Ireland) - Professor Ipek Demir (University of Leeds)	Assembly
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	Atrium
11.30-13.00	Panel 5 Border Economies: Surveillance, Militarisation, and Resistance Chair: Dr C�etta Mainwaring (University of Edinburgh) - Dr Joe Turner (University of York, with non-presenting co-authors Arshad Isakjee, Lucy Mayblin, Thom Davies, Tesfalem Yemane), <i>The Border-Security Economy in the English Channel: Small Boats, Racism and Late Imperialism</i> - Dr Travis Van Isacker (University of Bristol), <i>Chains of suspicion: search and rescue (SAR), criminalisation, and 'knowledge over' Channel migrants through technological surveillance</i> - Dr Martin Lemberg-Pedersen (University of Warwick), Market crafting and political economy of European border security sectors - Dr C�etta Mainwaring, Dr Thom Tyerman, Dr Andonea Dickson (University of Edinburgh), <i>The Carceral Web: Transnational Economies of Immigration Detention</i>	Assembly
	Panel 6 Thinking through the potential of relational resistance Chair: Dr Lucy Mayblin (University of Sheffield) Discussant: Professor �scar Prieto-Flores (University of Girona) - Professor Gabriella Elgenius (University of Gothenburg), <i>Kindness and the Politics of Hope in Superdiverse Neighbourhoods: Civil Society Practices and the Socio-Psychological Dimensions of Integration</i> - Professor Aleksandra Grzymala-Kazłowska (University of Warsaw), <i>Unpacking the multilevelness and temporalities of reciprocities: comparing Ukrainian forced migrants homestayd in Poland and the UK</i> - Dr Natasha Nicholls (University of Birmingham), <i>Kindness as Everyday Humanitarianism: The Micropolitics of Community Sponsorship</i>	Stuart Hall



	Dr Lucy Mayblin (University of Sheffield), <i>Finding hope in the criminalisation of solidarity</i>	
	Panel 7 Migrant labour and migration regimes Chair: Dr Seb Rumsby (University of Birmingham) - Dr Analisa Smythe (The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust), Dr Jon Gorry (Nottingham Trent University) and Daphne Laing (Build a Bridge Ltd), <i>The Adaptation and Integration of Internationally Educated Nurses working in the National Health Service: Walking in Their Shoes</i> - Andi Holik Ramdani (Hashimoto Foundation Societas Institute), <i>Needed but Not Welcomed: Indonesian Construction Workers and Conditional Belonging in Japan's Migration Regime</i> - Dr Heila Sha and Professor Chris Forde (University of Leeds), <i>Skills Recognition, Labour Market Access and Everyday Work: Migrant Workers' Experiences of Social (In)Justice in the UK</i> - Camila Orbegozo, Dr Ceren Ozgen, and Professor Matt Cole (University of Birmingham), <i>When Migrants Arrive: Quasi-experimental Evidence on Prices and Labour Costs in Colombia</i>	Mary Sturge
	Panel 8 Refugees, diaspora and citizenship Chair: Dr Laurence Lessard Phillips (University of Birmingham) - Professor Caroline Oliver (UCL), <i>Experiences and outcomes of Afghan relocation and resettlement in England</i> - Dr Catherine R. Craven (University of Sheffield), <i>Diaspora Governance in Practice: Tamil diaspora mobilization, global governance and power in an entangled world</i> - Dr Erasmo Sossich (Independent Researcher), <i>Urban exiles: asylum and citizenship between the camp system and the urban ghetto</i> - Arwanto Arwanto, Dr Laura Loyola Hernandez, and Dr Deirdre Conlon (University of Leeds), <i>Lives after education access: refugee lived citizenship in a transit and non-signatory to refugee convention country</i>	Dhani Prem
	Panel 9 Un/welcome: The structural and discursive positioning of migrants by host communities Chair: Dr Rachel Ayrton - Dr Franka Zlatić (University of Zadar), <i>Racialising the "Other 'Other'": Media Representations of Indian Labour Migrants in Croatia</i> - Dr Melati Nungsari and Dr Kirstine Varming (Asia School of Business), <i>Good, bad, and beyond: Host community stereotypes of refugees</i> - Dr Frank van der Velden (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) <i>"Thou shalt love your neighbour as thyself": But immigrants are not neighbours!</i> - Dr Katarzyna Bylow (Adam Mickiewicz University), <i>Migrancy at school in times of 'crisis'</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
13.00-14.00	Lunch	Atrium



14.00-15.30	Semi-plenary 1 Enforcement, deportation and bordering Chair: Professor Nando Sigona (University of Birmingham) Speakers: - Professor Ernesto Castañeda (American University, Washington DC) - Dr Lucy Mayblin (University of Sheffield) - Dr Ćetta Mainwaring (University of Edinburgh)	Assembly
	Semi-plenary 2 Policy, advocacy and story telling Chair: Professor Daniel McNeil (University of Birmingham) Speakers: - Zoe Bantleman (Barrister and Legal Director, University of Oxford JUSTICE) - Daniel Trilling (Writer) - Danai Papachristopoulou (Refugee and Migrant Centre) - Dr Mihnea Cuibus (Migration Observatory, University of Oxford)	Mary Sturge
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	Atrium
16.00-17.30	Panel 10 Digital Borders and Migrant Futures: AI, Language and Everyday Connectivity in Contemporary Migration Regimes Chair: Professor Cláudia Hilsdorf Rocha (State University of Campinas, UNICAMP, Brazil) Discussant: Dr Angelo Martins Junior (University of Birmingham) - Professor Cláudia Hilsdorf Rocha, Dr Angelo Martins Junior, Professor Ruberval Franco Maciel (State University of Mato Grosso do Sul), <i>Languages, Sustainable Technological Innovation, and Social Justice: Research on Contexts of Vulnerability in Brazil and UK</i> - Professor Ana Cecilia Cossi Bizon and Louise Hélène Pavan (UNICAMP), <i>Welcoming Through Languages: Educational Initiatives for Migrant and Refugee Inclusion in Brazil</i> - Dr Stefano Piemontese (University of Birmingham) and Lawrence Jabs (University of Bologna), <i>Remote Migrants, Digital Borders: Mapping the AI–Migration Nexus</i> - Professor Igor José de Renó Machado (Federal University of São Carlos), <i>The digital experience of Brazilian immigrants: Tales from WhatsApp groups in Ireland</i>	Assembly
	Panel 11 Spatial governance and experiences of asylum accommodation Chair: Dr Paolo Novak (SOAS University of London) Discussant: Professor Jonathan Darling (Durham University) - Dr Anna Lindley (SOAS University of London), <i>Exploring local / national government relations around asylum accommodation arrangements in the UK</i> - Professor Giorgia Donà (University of East London), <i>Private hosting for refugees: The politics of ‘domestic humanitarianism’</i> - Dr Charlotte Sanders (SOAS University of London), <i>Protection as a Lived Experience in UK Asylum Hotel Accommodation</i>	Mary Sturge

	• Dr Paolo Novak (SOAS University of London), <i>Asylum Liminality and Protection Thresholds</i>	
	Panel 12 Mixed-heritage relationships and racialised boundaries in European societies Chair: Dr Elizabeth Mavroudi (Loughborough University) • Dr Iris Wigger (Loughborough University), Dr Margaret Byron (University of Leicester), and Dr Elizabeth Mavroudi, <i>Introducing the 'Mixed relationships and racialised boundaries in European societies (1920s-present)' research network</i> • Dr Margaret Byron, Dr Iris Wigger, Professor Rebecca King-O'Riain (Maynooth University), Dr Tony Sandset (online, University of Oslo), Professor Tracey Owens Patton (University of Wyoming), and Elizabeth Mavroudi, <i>Negotiating mixed-heritage family identities in Germany and Norway: Exploring representations, lived experiences, agency and digital spaces</i> • Dr Bolaji Balogun (SOAS), <i>Critical Mixed-Race Studies and Identity Formation in Poland</i> • Dr Tony Sandset (online, University of Oslo), <i>Beyond Anglo-American Frameworks: Toward a Scandinavian Critical Mixed-Race Studies</i>	Stuart Hall
	Panel 13 Settling and unsettling communities: Multiculturalism, conviviality, adaptation, and resistance Chair: Dr Kamran Khan (University of Birmingham) • Dr Rachel Ayrton (University of Birmingham), <i>Conviviality at 20: trends in the empirical application of conviviality in Social Science Journals</i> • Dr Robert Higgins, <i>The Identity Multiplier: Agentic Capital and Strategic Biculturalism among Vietnamese Students in Superdiverse Japan</i> • Dr Ijeoma Mercy Amaugo (Abia State University), <i>Gendered Exploitation and Reproductive Injustice: Mapping Baby-Factory Networks in South-East Nigeria</i> • Dr Charlene Rose (University of Birmingham), <i>How the Caribbean cuisine addressed the gaps between the concepts of creole and superdiversity?</i>	Dhani Prem

	Panel 14 Bordering and de-bordering Chair: Professor Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham) • Dr Marie Godin (University of Leicester, University of Oxford) and Dr Derya Ozkul (University of Warwick), <i>Digital Everyday Bordering: Navigating the UK's eVisa System in a Hostile Environment</i> • Professor Rachel Humphris (Queen Mary University of London), <i>(Un)Learning Deservingness: bordering from within the welfare/workfare state</i> • Dr Mir Abdullah Miri (University of Exeter), Holly Rooke (University of Sheffield) and Professor Corinne Squire (University of Bristol), <i>'People from refugee backgrounds can benefit from higher education like anybody else': How de-bordering technologies and educational justice discourses can support refugees' HE access.</i> • Dr Camilla Spadavecchia (Tilburg University), <i>Paths of Dissent: Italian Anarchists, Migration, and Transnational Networks, 1880-1920</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
17.30-17.45	Comfort break	
17.45-19.15	Workshop 1 Opening the Black Box: Authoritarianism and the Making of Migration Chair: Professor Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany) Speakers: • Tetiana Havlin (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany) • Professor Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham) • Paula Wallmeyer (University of Luxembourg) • Dr Vera Messing (Central European University)	Assembly
	Workshop 2 Beyond Academic Borders: Knowledge Production in Times of Crisis Chair: Kirstin Sonne (University of Edinburgh) Speakers: • Dr Ćetta Mainwaring (University of Edinburgh) • Dr Teresa Piacentini (University of Glasgow) • Gee Manoharan (Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees) • Bryony Nisbet (University of Edinburgh)	Stuart Hall

	Workshop 3 Doing Ethnography in Convulsive Times: Patchwork Ethnography and Co-produced Knowledge in Migration Research Chair: Dr Andrea Verdasco (University College London) Speakers: • Dr Maggie Neil (Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford) • Dr Lucy Leon (COMPAS, University of Oxford) • Dr Sabina Barone (University College London) • Dr Andrea Verdasco (University College London)	Mary Sturge
	Workshop 4 The irregular migration industry and lived experiences of Vietnamese migrants to the UK Chair: Dr Seb Rumsby, University of Birmingham Speakers: • Dr Tamsin Barber (Oxford Brookes) • Dr Julien Le Hoang (EHESS) • Dr Chung Pham (West Yorkshire Polices and Locate International) • Dr Seb Rumsby (University of Birmingham)	Dhani Prem
17.45-19.15	Panel 15 Unsettling Humanitarianism: Islamic Philanthropy, Power and Protection in Contexts of Displacement Chair: Dr Sandra Pertek (University of Birmingham) Discussant: Jonathan Benthall (Royal Anthropological Institute) • Dr Altea Pericoli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Princeton), <i>Islamic aid and Gulf states in contemporary crises: Setting the framework</i> • Dr Natalia Paszkiewicz and Dr Sandra Pertek (University of Birmingham), <i>Multipolar humanitarianism, gendered vulnerability and professionalism: How can Islamic philanthropy transform the aid sector</i> • Nabil Muhammed (SOAS) and Dr Sandra Pertek (University of Birmingham), <i>Women's inclusion and protection: British Muslim charities' response to displacement</i> • Jonathan Benthall (Royal Anthropological Institute), <i>Continuities and Departures in the Study of Muslim-Led Charity</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
20.00-22.00	Conference Dinner (pre-booked only)	Lasan , 3-4 Dakota Buildings James Street, St Paul's Square Birmingham B3 1SD

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPT – THE EXCHANGE, BIRMINGHAM

Time	Activity	Venue
8.30-9.00	Registration	Atrium
9.00-10.30	Panel 16 Knowledge production and creative methods as a mode of contestation Chair: Dr Angelo Martins Jr (University of Birmingham) • Dr Francesca Guarino (Independent Researcher), <i>That which we don't speak: affective extraction, migrant victimhood and radical accountability in Palermo</i> • Professor Heidi Armbruster (University of Southampton) and Liz Hingley (University of Southampton University of Bristol), <i>Experimental Methods as Sanctuary: Insights from creative and experimental research in refugee contexts</i> • Professor Mikkel Rytter (Aarhus University), <i>Writing in the cracks of the refugee regime: Experiments with poetry and temporariness in a Danish context</i> • Dr Ryan Lutz (Independent Researcher), <i>Decoloniality & Local Policy: Reimagining integration through migrant led knowledge production</i>	Assembly
	Panel 17 Care against the border: resistance, solidarity and belonging in the UK care economy Chair: Pip McKnight (University of Birmingham) Discussant: Professor Kathryn Cassidy (University of Northumbria) • Professor Kathryn Cassidy (University of Northumbria), <i>From Refusal to Unbordering: Bordered Women, Maternity Care, and Practices of Everyday Abolition within Reproductive Violence</i> • Mariam Malik (University of Southampton), <i>'Reading for refusal' - how debility, bordering and race structure child health/development in Britain and what healthcare workers fail/refuse to see</i> • Pip McKnight, <i>'I'm not the police': Midwives as agents of resistance to the hostile environment</i> • Jessica Potter (Doctor, Activist), <i>The Clinical Killjoy: Radical compassion as a technology of resistance within the NHS</i>	Stuart Hall



	Panel 18 Solidarity and Governance in Refugee Sponsorship: Reconfiguring Responsibility, Belonging and Integration Chair: Dr Natasha Nicholls (University of Birmingham) Discussant: Olivia Petie (University of Birmingham) • Dr Gabriella D’Avino (University of Birmingham), <i>Networked Humanitarian Public–Private Partnerships: Governing Responsibility and Risk in UK Refugee Sponsorship</i> • Dr Natasha Nicholls, <i>Conditional solidarities and hierarchies of welcome: public attitudes towards refugee sponsorship in the UK</i> • Dr Marisol Reyes-Soto (University of Birmingham), <i>‘They are lovely people just like us’, the impact of Community Sponsorship Schemes in diverse and non-diverse communities in the UK.</i> • Professor Jenny Phillimore (University of Birmingham), <i>Reimagining Integration: Refugee Sponsorship as Capability Development</i>	Mary Sturge
	Workshop 5 The Complexity of Participatory Research in Migration Studies: Practical, Ethical and Institutional Challenges Chair: Dr Gaja Maestri (Aston University) Speakers: • Dr Rémy Twahirwa (Aston University) • Miriam Tansia (The Voices Network, British Red Cross) • Anne Collins (The Voices Network, British Red Cross, Yorkshire Network) • Dickson Chikwizo (The Voices Network, British Red Cross, Leicester Network) • Professor Vicki Squire (University of Warwick) • Sarah Taal (Community Interest Research Centre)	Benjamin Zephaniah
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-12.30	Plenary 2: Sanctuary and the end of asylum Chair: Professor Jenny Phillimore (University of Birmingham) Speakers: • Professor Jonathan Darling (Durham University) • Dr Amani Hassani (Brunel, University of London) • Professor Rachel Humphris (Queen Mary, University of London)	Assembly
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Atrium

13.30-15.00	Panel 19 Citizenship Regimes and Racial Injustice Chair: Professor Ipek Demir (University of Leeds) Discussant: Dr Gaja Maestri (Aston University) • Dr Kalwinder Sandhu (Coventry University), “...they can change their mind about anything”: <i>Temporality, Citizenship, Belonging and the Windrush Scandal</i> • Dr Eve Hayes de Kalaf (School of Advanced Study, University of London) <i>Citizenship Regimes, Self-Determination and Sovereignty: Building the Case for Reparative Justice across the British Overseas Territories</i> • Dr Kamran Khan (University of Birmingham) <i>How much language is enough?</i> • Dr Jasber Singh, Professor Leah Bassel (Coventry University), and Professor Giorgia Doná (University of East London), <i>Never a Citizen: racial injustice and the refugee naturalisation ban</i>	Assembly
	Panel 20 Migration governance, settlement and return Chair: Professor Nando Sigona (University of Birmingham) • Professor Adrian Favell and Dr Kheira Arrouche (University College Cork), <i>African Mobility and the Reactive Turn in the UK–Ireland Migration Regime</i> • Professor Pia Riggirozzi and Dr Natalia Cintra (University of Southampton), <i>Return Without Protection: Securitisation, Mass Return, and the Erosion of Durable Solutions in Central America</i> • Dr Chiara Berneri (Open University) and Dr Gabriella D'Avino (University of Birmingham), <i>From Temporary Protection to Durable Solutions? The Homes for Ukraine Scheme and the Asylum–Regularisation Nexus in the UK</i> • Dr Esra Kaytaz (Coventry University), <i>Temporal Governance of Protection in the UK</i>	Stuart Hall
	Panel 21 Politics of migration and belonging Chair: Dr Angelo Martins Junior (University of Birmingham) • Dr Abida Younas (University of Warwick), <i>Border Regimes and the Affective Limits of Asylum: Refugee Literature in an Age of Deterrence</i> • Zoe Bantleman (Barrister and Legal Director, University of Oxford I JUSTICE) and Alex Papasotiriou (Barrister, Garden Court Chambers), <i>Enemy of the People: Public interest and other modern authoritarian fictions</i> • Dr Özlem Ögtem-Young (University of Birmingham), <i>The Shape of Belonging: Experiences of Unaccompanied Young Migrants Seeking Asylum in England</i> • Dr Lisa Goodson (University of Birmingham), Professor Gabriella Elgenius (University of Gothenburg), Professor Christian Falge (Hochschule Bochum), and Professor Simon Pemberton (Keele University), <i>Emotional Citizenship and the Limits of Integration: Belonging Across Welfare Regimes in Superdiverse Cities</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah

	Panel 22 Hostile environments, displacement and resistance Chair: Professor Jenny Phillimore (University of Birmingham) • Dr Tamlyn Monson (University of Birmingham Coventry University) and Professor Susanne Wessendorf (Coventry University), <i>Inclusive Narratives, Unequal Realities: Diversity, Marginality and the Hostile Environment in East London</i> • Dr Ibtissam Al-Farah (Independent Researcher), <i>Hostile Environments and Conditional Belonging: A Critical Realist Capability Perspective</i> • Dr Amy Cortvriend (Loughborough University), <i>Everyday resistance in the lives of mothers seeking safety</i> • Dr Jayanthi Lingham (University of Sheffield, with non-presenting co-author Professor Majella Kilkey), <i>Centring the right to care in a care-less regime</i>	Mary Sturge
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	Atrium
15.30-17.00	Panel 23 Care and crisis in the asylum regime Chair: Dr Natasha Nicholls (University of Birmingham) • Dr Catherine Harris (UCL, with non-presenting co-authors Claire Cameron, Naomi Lin and Michelle Heys), <i>Living in a State of Crisis: The Temporalities of Precarity for Migrant Mothers with Restricted Access to Public Funds</i> • Dr Virginia Signorini (University of Milan), <i>The Social Worker's Body: Embodied Practice and Myoptic Care in Asylum Systems</i> • Dr Gabriella D'Avino (University of Birmingham), Professor Jenny Phillimore (University of Birmingham), and Professor Sin Yi Cheung (University of Cardiff) <i>Refugee Integration in Scholarship: Conceptual Ambiguity, Geographic Gaps and Systematic, AI-Assisted Scoping Review</i> • Dr Aubrey Grant (Community Sponsorship Hub and University of Massachusetts- Boston), <i>Networks of Support: Community Sponsorship and Civil Society Mobilisation in Restrictive Migration Regimes</i>	Assembly
	Panel 24 Alter-geopolitics and the micro-politics of border justice Chair: Dr Rachel Ayrton (University of Birmingham) • David Stark (University of Birmingham), <i>Addressing authoritarian populism in the Second City</i> • Professor Kathryn Cassidy and Dr Maria Dubrova (Northumbria University), <i>Intimate Alter-Geopolitics: Reimagining Bordering, Belonging and Securitisation through Displacement from Ukraine</i> • Dr Marco Perolini (Independent Researcher), <i>Reimagining Borders and Rights: Migrant Activism and the Politics of Border Justice</i>	Stuart Hall
	Panel 25 Labour migration, belonging and transnational futures Chair: Dr Marie Godin (Leicester University University of Oxford) • Professor Liangni Sally Liu and Lin Yin (Nanchang University), <i>Western high-level talent expats in contemporary China: The displacement of their sense of belonging and "home"</i>	Mary Sturge

	- Douglas MacLean (University of Birmingham), <i>Opening the Black Box of Bilateral Policy Systems: Labour Migration Governance Along South-South Corridors</i> - Dr Luisa Conti (Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences), <i>Welcoming Skilled Workers? Between Labour Shortages and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Rural Thuringia</i>	
	Panel 26 Bordering, immigration enforcement and social (in)justice Chair: Professor Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham) - Dr Deena Dajani (International Institute for Environment and Development), <i>Drought in Displacement: uneven waterscapes and fragmented bordering in Mafraq, Jordan</i> - Aké Achi (Black Europeans) <i>Racialised European Diaspora: The EU's DEI Blind Spot, Brexit and Social Diplomacy concept</i> - Professor Irina Kuznetsova (University of Birmingham), <i>Forced Immobilities and "Inconvenient People" in an Age of Growing Authoritarianism: Evidence from Occupied Ukraine</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah
17.00-17.15	Comfort break	
17.15-17.30	Wrap up	Assembly