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STATION 2

Routes and Solidarity

Theorising on Fieldwork Together



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PROGRAM

May 5, Sunday: Arrivals

May 6, Monday

Venue: Galatasaray Univ.

09.30-10.00: Introduction by Didem Danis, Luca Queirolo Palmas and Federico Rahola

10.00-10.30: Invited Keynote Speaker: Maurice Stierl, IMIS - Osnabrück University
"Solidarity and Resistance *on the Move*"

10.30-11.00: Open discussion animated by Dorian Jano

11.00-13.00: Workshop 1 – Keywords on routes making
Unauthorised migrant routes are ruptures in the supposedly ordered fabric of governmental border regimes. This workshop aims to identify ethnographic and conceptual issues that may open up new avenues for research on routes and route-making at the crossroads between theory and practice.

Introduced by Paolo Cuttitta and Camille Cassarini, IRMC Tunis.

Lessons from the first seven months of fieldwork in Morocco, Tunisia, Belgium, Turkey, Egypt, Bulgaria, Libya, and Mauritania.

13.00-14.00: LUNCH

14.00-16.00: Workshop 2 – Keywords on solidarity and digital infrastructures

Digital spaces - both a subject of study and a research tool- are changing how ethnographic research is conducted. This workshop aims to raise several questions about how to do ethnographic research in the digital age, including how to ground research in the unbound space created by the intersection of physical and digital spheres, how digital spaces contribute to the production of imaginaries and expectations pertaining to migratory routes, how to "follow" people in the digital age, and how to manage the overwhelming information and emotional charge of continuous contact with informants.

Introduced by Rassa Ghaffari and Enrico Fravega.

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16.00-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-17.30: Open discussion animated by Livio Amigoni

19.30: Collective dinner

PROGRAM

May 7, Tuesday

9.30 – 15.30 Fieldwork in Istanbul

16.00-18.00: Expo of collaborative cultural objects produced during fieldwork.
Roundtable with Maurice Stierl and local actors.
Chair: Marcia Esparza (CUNY)

May 8, Wednesday

Venue: FES

9.30-12.30: Critical Criminology Special issue –
Discussions of draft papers with the editors (Jayne Mooney and David
Brotherton, CUNY)

12.30- 14.00: LUNCH

14.00-17.00: Preliminary outcomes of the 2nd round of nodes in Turkey, Morocco, Tunisia
and Belgium.
By Michela Lovato, Lülüfer Körükmez, Nadia Chaouch and Ismail Oubad.
Chair: Hassan Boubakri (CETUMA, Tunis)

17.00-18.00: Internal organisation meeting

May 9, Thursday: Departures

LOGISTICS

Meeting venue:

On Monday, the 6th of May, the workshop will take place at Galatasaray University.

Website: www.gsu.edu.tr

Adress: ıraęan Caddesi No: 36 34349 Ortaky/İstanbul

On the 8th of May, Wednesday, the event will take place in the FES meeting room.

Adress: Near Ertuęrul Tekke Cami, Beşiktaş

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Luca Queirolo Palmas is a professor in the sociology of migration and visual sociology at Genoa University. He is co-director of *Mondi Migranti*, a Journal of studies and research on international Migration. He has directed several European projects on migration, gangs, and youth cultures. Currently, he is the Principal Investigator of the ERC AdG SOLROUTES – Solidarities and migrants' routes across Europe at large. He has been a visiting professor in Barcelona, Quito, New York, San Paolo, San José de Costa Rica, Paris, and Tunis.

Didem Danis is a sociologist whose teaching and research activities evolve around the topics related to migrations in and around Turkey. She currently works as an associate professor at Galatasaray University in Istanbul. She has extensive experience in teaching and research collaborations in Europe and the Middle East. Didem has published numerous academic articles on Iraqi and Syrian refugees, focusing on the state's role, immigration, and integration politics, as well as migrants' local and transnational social networks. She founded the Association for Migration Research (GAR), which focuses on producing critical and high-quality knowledge on migratory processes. She is a member of the SOLROUTES SCERE - Scientific Committee for Ethnographic Research and Ethics.

Maurice Stierl leads the "The Production of Knowledge on Migration" research group at the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, Osnabrück University. Before, he was a lecturer in International Relations at the University of Sheffield. He has also taught at the University of Warwick and the University of California, Davis. His research focuses on migration struggles in contemporary Europe and (northern) Africa and is broadly situated in International Political Sociology, Political Geography, Migration, Citizenship and Border Studies. His book 'Migrant Resistance in Contemporary Europe' was published by Routledge in 2019.

Federico Rahola is a professor of sociology of cultural processes at Genoa University and co-PI of the SOLROUTES Project. He has also taught courses at the University of Jyväskylä, the University of Nice—Sophia Antipolis, and the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). He is a member of the editorial board of the Italian Journal *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* and the scientific board of the International Journal *REMHU Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana*.

Enrico Fravega is an Assistant Professor (RTD-A) at the University of Genoa. His recent research explored the nexus between migration, housing conditions, and temporalities. His methodological approach mainly relies on ethnographic, participative, and biographical techniques. Previously, he was the coordinator of the MOBS research group (www.mobsprin2020.org).

Jayne Mooney is a professor of sociology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and on the doctoral faculties of women's studies and sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center, NYC. Her scholarship focuses on gender and crime, the history of crime and punishment, the sociology of violence, social deviance, and critical criminology. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of SOLROUTES.

David C. Brotherton is a professor of sociology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center and is affiliated with Ph.D. programs in Urban Education, Sociology, and Criminal Justice. His theoretical and global ethnographic research on gangs, deportation, juvenile justice reform, and social resistance spans over three decades. He is the Director of the Social Change and Transgressive Studies Project at John Jay College, Principal Investigator of the New York City Deportation Pipeline Project (NSF), the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Critical Criminology and the founder of the “Studies in Transgression” book series at Temple. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of SOLROUTES.

Hassen Boubakri is a Geography and Migration Studies Professor at the Universities of Sousse and Sfax (Tunisia). Chairman of the CeTuMA (Centre of Tunis for Migration and Asylum) (NGO). He is the Tunisian partner and CI of some European programs: GAPS (Return Migration), SolRoutes, and Vital Elements. He is also an International Fellow (Since 2022) at the ICM (Institut Convergences Migrations)/Policy Department. CNRS. Paris and Member of the Steering Committee of the “Academic Network on Mixed Migration in North Africa” (ANMMNA)/IOM & CMRS/American University in Cairo. He’s a member of the SOLROUTES SCERE - Scientific Committee for Ethnographic Research and Ethics.

Camille Cassarini is a researcher at the IRMC, a former postdoctoral research fellow in the Solroutes project, an associate researcher at the Laboratoire Population Environnement et Développement (IRD-AMU), and a fellow at the Institut Convergences Migrations. He holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Aix-Marseille. Based on fieldwork in North Africa (Tunisia, Algeria) and West Africa (Côte d’Ivoire), he is conducting research at the crossroads of social geography, political anthropology, and migration studies.

Massimo Cannarella is a photographer and filmmaker who is the visual activities coordinator for the SOLROUTES project. He also works as a research technician in the Visual Sociology Research Group of the University of Genoa. In the past, he participated in many research projects on migrations, youth cultures, the social condition of migrants’ children, and gender-related issues.

Rassa Ghaffari is a sociologist who mainly studies migration, gender, and Middle Eastern studies. She has a Master's degree in African and Asian Studies from the University of Pavia and a PhD in Sociology at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Within the SOLROUTES project, as a postdoctoral researcher, she focuses on migratory routes through Turkey and the so-called Balkan route, with particular attention to Iranian and Afghan fluxes, digital infrastructures, and women on the move.

Livio Amigoni is a postdoctoral researcher in the SOLROUTES project at the University of Genoa. During his PhD, he developed ethnographic work on Sudanese forced migration, focusing on factors driving high-risk migration pathways and support networks for these journeys.

Paolo Cuttitta is a migration and border scholar whose work lies at the intersection between geography and sociology. Before joining the SOLROUTES project at Genoa University, he

held research positions at Palermo University, VU University Amsterdam and Sorbonne Paris Nord University.

Dorian Jano is a postdoctoral research fellow of the SOLROUTES project. He was awarded the Jean Monnet Module on Enlargement and External Relations of the EU (2022) and the Jean Monnet Chair on EU Enlargement and its Impact on the Western Balkans (2014). Previously, he has been a Marie Curie fellow at the Centre for South-East European Studies at the University of Graz, a visiting scholar at the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas (U.S.A), and a research fellow at Europa-Kolleg in Hamburg, and Collegium Budapest.

Marcia Esparza's research areas include state crimes, genocide, collective memory-silence, and the representation of colonial soldiers in military museums in Spain on the Balears Island of Mallorca and in Morocco's Spanish Protectorate. Relying on qualitative methodologies, fieldwork, testimonies, archival and museum research, Dr Esparza's studies on the long-term repercussions of state crimes perpetrated by state armies are primarily rooted in her experience growing up under General Augusto Pinochet (1973-1990) in Chile, and her work for the United Nations-sponsored Truth Commission in Guatemala (1997-1999) as well as in the country's long-term aftermath (Berghahn Books, 2018). Dr. Esparza is the recipient of prestigious awards such as the International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS) 2022 Impact Award for her contributions to the field of genocide. She also receives fellowships from the Ford Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Nadia Chaouch is a doctoral researcher at the University of Genova, working on the SOLROUTES project. She is conducting a doctoral thesis about gender, deportees, and solidarity networks in Tunisia, adopting ethnographic and ethnographic methods.

Ismail Oubad is a doctoral researcher within the SOLROUTES Project. He is conducting a thesis on the solidarity actors and support networks to the journey of unauthorised migrants within and across the Belgian borders, adopting ethnographic methods. Ismail has conducted fieldwork in Morocco, Italy, and Belgium.

Michela Lovato is a doctoral researcher within the SOLROUTES Project. She has a background in international science, conflict, and peace studies and is a student at the University of Turin. She is working on a research project to observe the dynamics and actors in solidarity toward unauthorised movements in Morocco.

Lülüfer Körükmez is doctoral researcher in SOLROUTES Project. Her research focuses on migration solidarity movements in Turkey, which are situated at the intersection of political history and solidarity experiences in issues other than migration, focusing on state and statecraft.

Valeria Garrè is the coordinator and member of the administrative staff of the Solroutes project. She has worked for international organisations in Sarajevo and the Balkan areas. She has gained considerable experience in the project management sector, working for

humanitarian organisations in international projects and the Italian public sector. Furthermore, she is fluent in English and speaks Bosnian.

Selma Oker is pursuing a Double MSc in Criminology of Borders, Social Justice and Human Rights at Erasmus University Rotterdam and Gent University. She has a B.A. in Sociology and Economics from Potsdam University and studied Culture Studies and Business Administration at Humboldt-University Berlin. She is fluent in German, Latin, English (C1 level), and French (B1 level). Selma has been actively involved in social and political activities, volunteering at various organisations. Selma has also published works on eliminating racial discrimination and social cohesion.