

oxford migration studies society
conference on



SPACES IM OF MOBILITY

may 31 - june 1, 2019 @ catholic chaplaincy, oxford

The Oxford Migration Studies Society and TORCH Migration and Mobility Network invite academics, researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders to present original research, case studies or empirical insights to a broad audience of academics and students at the University of Oxford. The conference will be held on May 31 - June 1, 2019 at Catholic Chaplaincy, Oxford under the theme of “Spaces of (Im)mobility”.

This collaborative conference aims to bring together multiple disciplinary perspectives to explore how human mobility is mediated from above and below. It will examine how physical and social infrastructures operating within and across localities permit, facilitate and inhibit human mobility, and ask how individuals respond to these design and plans “from above”. In doing so we hope to reflect upon important social processes and enquire how human mobility fits into these processes.

During the conference, we invite 10-15 minute presentations relating to the broad theme of “Spaces of (Im)mobility”. This could include, but is not limited to:

refugee camps, detention centres, transit points
// cities/urban space // technological advancements used by different actors to shift border practices (e.g. the privatisation of the british detention estate) // conceptual spaces - such as the refugee/migrant distinction and other legal definitions - and their impact on migration // how mobility is mediated by global structural inequalities such as racism, sexism, classism, etc.

This will be an interdisciplinary conference drawing upon expertise from social science and the humanities, both within Oxford University and further afield. Panels and speakers could include - but are not limited to - the following disciplinary perspectives:

geography // urban studies // law // international development // history // anthropology // architecture // sociology // politics and international relations // economics // languages // cultural studies // philosophy

For an opportunity to present at the conference, please submit a 250-word abstract to omssconference2019@gmail.com by May 3, 2019. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.