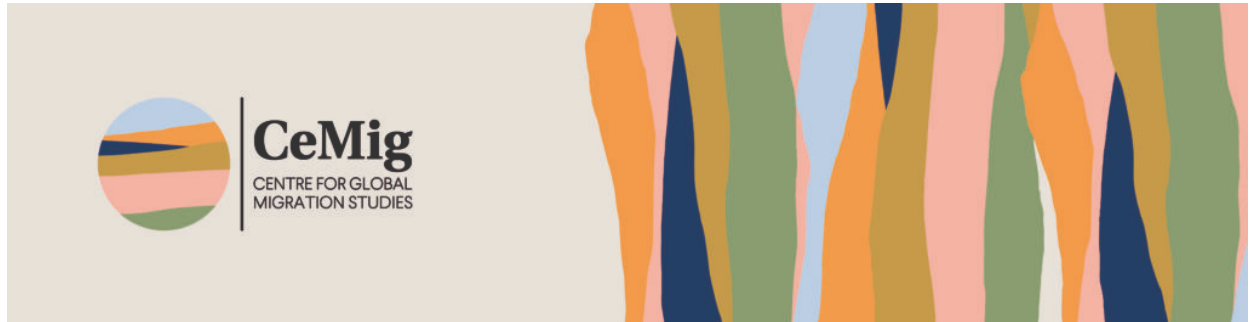




CeMig Newsletter

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This is the newsletter of the [Centre for Global Migration Studies \(CeMig\)](#). It provides regular information about events, research projects and publications on the subject of migration at [Göttingen Campus](#) and within the region.

CeMig Events

Public Lecture:



**Towards the polysemic
fabrication of integration:
Relating hegemony-critical
theories ‘from above’ and actor-
centred approaches ‘from
below’**

with Prof. Dr. Anna Amelina (Chemnitz University of Technology)

16.04.2026, 18:00 CEST, online via Zoom

Abstract:

"The concept of ‘migrant integration’ – a cornerstone in international migration studies – has been

subjected to extensive critique and analysis. Against the background of the multiplicity of critiques, the presentation aims to review and consolidate the critique's central arguments and to develop an outline of the domination-critical, iterative, and constructivist concept of 'doing integration'. In developing this approach, the presentation reviews and interrelates multiple bodies of literature. With the domination-critical scholarship it reflects the discourse-theoretic, coloniality-sensitive, and Marxist writings on integration governance to identify multiple sites, logics, mechanisms, and realities of integrationist domination. Conversely, with the actor-centred (assimilationist, emplacement, and homemaking) approaches, it provides a typology of (non-)migrantized actors' collective responses to integrationist domination. Following the observation that the notion of 'integration' is characterized by a certain degree of polysemy, the article examines how selected approaches implicitly relate to (non-) migrantized actors' affirmation of, resistance against, or ignorance of the dominant institutional integration governance."

Prof. Dr. [Anna Amelina](#) is a sociologist and Professor of Intercultural Communication at Chemnitz University of Technology. Her research spans critical migration studies, transnational social inequalities, and the politics of gender and citizenship. She developed the doing migration approach, a framework analysing how social practices and discourses construct social realities of "migrant" (Amelina 2021, 2022). Grounded in critical cultural theory and memory studies (UNESCO Chair, 2018–2025), her work systematically interrogates dominant categories of belonging and mobility, most recently through the lens of postsocialist-postcolonial interdependencies.

You can register for the public lecture here: <https://uni-goettingen.de/de/707106.html>

News from the Urban Lab – Paths Towards a Colonial-Critical City

www.stadtlabor.uni-goettingen.de

Neue Veranstaltungsreihe



Widerständiger Frühling im Stadtlabor

"Mit dem Frühling erwacht das [Stadtlabor](#) wieder als Ort der Begegnung und öffnet seine Tore. In unserer Reihe „Widerständiger Frühling im Stadtlabor“ vereinen wir Initiativen, Kultur und Wissenschaft aus dem weiten Feld einer Gesellschaft der Vielen, um zuzuhören, zu diskutieren und gemeinsam etwas zu bewegen. In Vorträgen, Filmvorführungen und Gesprächen setzen wir uns mit Geschichte und Gegenwart kolonialer Macht und Landnahme auseinander und erkunden, wie solidarische und widerständige Praxis heute angesichts eines zunehmenden Rechtsrucks aussehen kann."

Im April stattfindende Veranstaltungen:

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Education

The summer term starts on 13th April 2026. You can find an [overview](#) of Bachelor and Master seminars and lectures on the topic of migration at the Göttingen Campus on our website.

On Current Occasion

Neues Positionspapier

Diskussionspapier des Netzwerkes „**Decolonizing University**“: Zur Initiierung nachhaltiger Strukturen in Forschung und Lehre zur Aufarbeitung des kolonialen Erbes an der Georg-August-Universität

Das vorliegende [Positionspapier](#) des Netzwerkes **Decolonizing University Göttingen** bündelt die Ergebnisse langjähriger Diskussionen, Austauschprozesse und gemeinsamer Forschung. Es ist sowohl Dokumentation als auch Einladung zu einer systematischen, kritischen Auseinandersetzung mit dem kolonialen Erbe der Universität und zu einer zukunftsfähigen Strategie für Lehre, Forschung und Sammlungspraxis.

Auch die Universität Göttingen ist historisch in koloniale Wissensproduktion und ihre Legitimation verstrickt gewesen. Das Netzwerk **Decolonizing University Göttingen** hat es sich zur Aufgabe gemacht, diese Verstrickungen kritisch aufzuarbeiten, blinde Flecken sichtbar zu machen und dekoloniale Ansätze nachhaltig in Forschung und Lehre zu verankern.

Das Diskussionspapier kann [>hier<](#) heruntergeladen werden oder auf der Seite des [Stadtlabors](#) eingesehen werden.



News from the research project
MORE

The research project [MORE: Motivations, Experiences, and Consequences of Returns and Readmission Policy: Revealing and Developing Effective Alternatives](#) is nearing its final phase. As a partner institution in Göttingen, we are currently playing a key role in drafting the final report on the last work package, which focuses on alternatives to deportation and return policies. This involves examining approaches that enable a shift away from return-oriented policies and provide people without secure residency with greater security, better living conditions, and access to society.

Current research findings from Germany show that return policies are by no means efficient; rather, the numerous legislative changes in recent years have primarily resulted in the impoverishment and lack of prospects for people living in the country without secure residency. Numerous civil society initiatives, however, are developing alternatives. They provide access to basic medical and legal care, cooperate with local authorities to open up prospects for migrants to remain, or, as churches and committed citizens, offer protection and asylum themselves. In doing so, they send a strong message of humanity, a society based on solidarity and mutual support, and the protection of fundamental rights—even in the face of increasingly restrictive political conditions.

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