

Newsletter

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The Centre for the Study of
Global Human Movement

*Transdisciplinary Research
on Movement, Mobility and Migration*

Challenges

The creation of the Centre for the Study of Global Human Movement is a *response to the importance of movement as one of the greatest achievements and challenges of the 21st century*.

Whether triggered by trade, desire, war, studies or work, movement produces modern subjects, including the *global worker, the stranger, the refugee, the coloniser and the ex-patriot*, and redefines social relations. It provides for artistic, cultural and linguistic *encounters* and enables economic and material *exchanges*. At the Centre, we seek to capture this complex dynamic world which humans navigate and which they shape and are shaped by, so as to address contemporary challenges to global and national social orders.

The Centre

The Centre's ambitious aim is to open up *novel means of thinking about movement, mobility and migration through transdisciplinary conversations*. To this end, the Centre promotes collaboration among the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and technologies. It encourages *blue skies research, teaching, policy and public engagement*. The Centre promotes innovative research on causes and consequences of movement, in ancient, historical and contemporary formations. It explores how movement shapes subjectivities, relations and moralities, and how it reconfigures political, economic and societal constellations.

Transdisciplinary research is *indispensable to shifting narrow disciplinary ways of capturing human movement* that relegate the slave to history, allocate the refugee to refugee studies, and the migrant to migrant studies. Disciplinary and sub-disciplinary appropriations of particular types of movement and demographic orders simplify and narrow the range of potential answers to the global challenge.

The Centre engages with movement as a complex human phenomenon that shapes the modern period, generating new rationalities and relations, exchanges and productive capacities, new creativities, arts and languages. Human movement is not limited to the circulation of people, but extends to the sedimentation and circulation of knowledge, artifacts and moralities.

Research Themes

The Centre welcomes the wide range of research methodologies used in the study of human movement. We welcome local, regional and global approaches and encourage the use of a broad range of research methods and data sources (from large quantitative data sets, digital data, qualitative studies, historical research, archaeological research to poetic and dramatic engagements).

Some of the variety of topics with which we aim to engage include:

- *Narrations, journeys and encounters*
- *Cultures, creativities, language and heritage*
- *Exchanges, trade, labour mobilities*
- *Refuge, security, and conflict*
- *Politics of borders, crime and security*
- *Rights, equality and social justice*

Opportunities

The Centre supports scholars in creating cross-disciplinary *networks and partnerships* within the University and with other universities and external agencies. It assists scholars with grant applications and aims to ensure impact. We support *workshops and conferences*, provide *seed funding* to support *research bids*, host *visiting researchers* and encourage *associate membership*. The Centre promotes transdisciplinary teaching and capacity-building for students, researchers and scholars alike.