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EVERYDAY LIFE ACROSS MULTIPLE PLACES: DYNAMICS AND IMPACTS

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Multilocality map



For this conference, we invite papers addressing the theme of multi-locality and everyday life. Multi-locality refers to patterns of living and working across multiple locations, encompassing what Rolshoven, paraphrasing Arendt, refers to as *vita activa* in several places (Rolshoven, 2006). Research across numerous disciplines has established the historical presence of multi-local living (Duchêne-Lacroix & Mäder, 2013), its diversity, and its increasing prevalence as a way of life. As Schier et al. (2015:441) state, multi-locality is “a specific spatio-temporal strategy of organising everyday life” with numerous social, economic, and environmental implications. The sociology of everyday life approaches the relationship between structure and agency as a dialectical duality, in which “the structural properties of social systems are both medium and outcome of the practices they recursively organize” (Giddens, 1984: 25), meaning that structure and action are mutually constitutive rather than externally opposed. This relational perspective conceptualizes structures as internalized “rules and resources” (Giddens, 1984: 25) that are drawn upon and reproduced in everyday practices, while social life is understood as a patterned flow of actions shaped by the implicit, context-bound “theories-in-use” that guide and organize routine interactions (Giddens, 1993 [1976]: 125–132).

The conference welcomes diverse disciplinary conceptualizations of everyday life as well as existing research on the everyday dimensions of multi-locality in its broadest sense. We invite papers discussing the methodological benefits, drawbacks, and challenges of researching multi-locality through the lens of everyday life. We also welcome contributions on the potential of such research for policymakers as well as investigations into the everyday dimensions of multi-local living from the perspectives of policy and practice.

Potential themes to address include (not exclusively):

- Everyday life as a scale of analysis: What does employing everyday life as a frame of reference imply for researching multi-local living in terms of research focus (e.g., emphasis on social actors/individuals, households, communities), spatio-temporal scale (linking together specific physical and digital locations through daily, weekly, etc. practice), and level of action (everyday tactics, decision-making)? How do different disciplines conceptualize everyday life as an object of study?
- Everyday life as an arena of routines and practices: Everyday life often involves established, routinized practices that are unquestioned or remain unexamined at the individual or community levels. What routines – involving mobility, work, residence, or home-making – underpin different forms of multi-local living? How do these routines develop as personal or collective strategies? What drives shifts in routines as everyday practice? Which aspects of the everyday routines of multi-locality are contested or questioned, and how?

- Everyday life and policy: Everyday life is an arena where social actors and groups engage with policies and develop strategies in reaction to their implementation, potentially informing social structures through diverse forms of action. How do social actors experience policy issues – such as sustainability – at the level of everyday life and practice? What challenges do the routines and practices of multi-local actors pose for policy stakeholders and policymakers? Which policies do multi-local actors identify as influential for their daily life?
- Everyday life: methodologies and challenges: How do different disciplines examine everyday life and multi-local forms of living and working? What are the methodological benefits of analyzing the everyday dimensions of multi-locality and what challenges arise in such studies? How can these challenges be addressed to deepen understanding of everyday life in multi-local contexts?

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