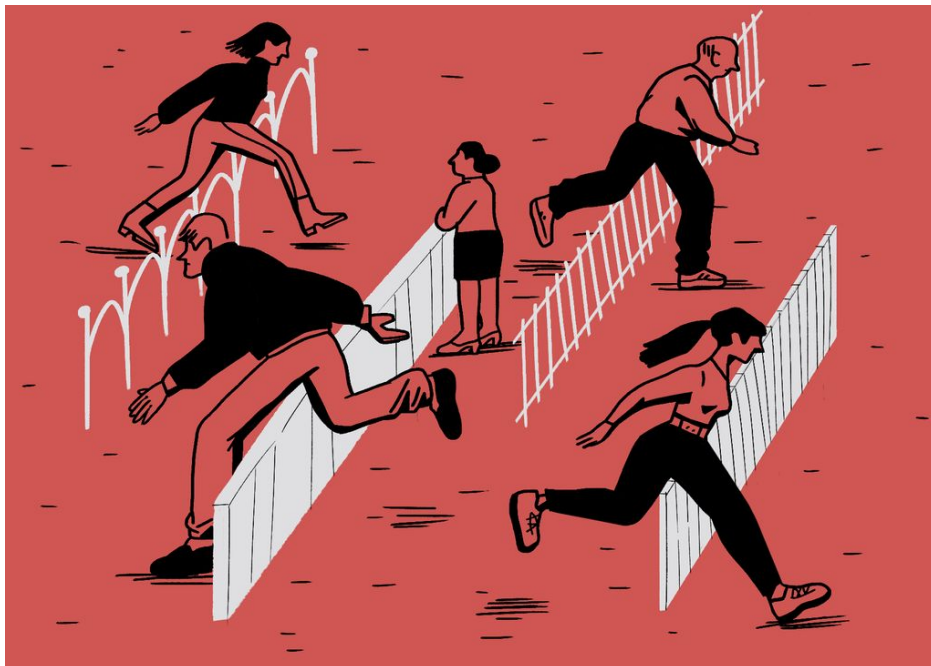


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Cross-Sectoral Forum "Social Dimensions of Migration: Challenges, Rights, Hopes"



December 10th. ● Transnational Rights of Migrants

10.00 am (CET)

Social Protection of Migrants: Rights to Pensions and Social Security. Plenary session

According to sociological monitoring, which is systematically conducted by the Institute of Sociology of NASU, more than 25% of Ukrainians have personal temporary experience working abroad, or a member of their family has such experience. For many reasons, migrants often return to Ukraine and need a pension.

During the first day of the forum we will talk about the social protection of migrants, in particular the rights to pensions and social security, the problems that arise in the implementation of these rights and possible ways to solve them.

01.00 pm (CET)

How to Stage Migration? Panel discussion

Often it is artistic practice that draws more attention to issues that are marginalised in the majority society. In Ukraine, the independent stages experienced a flourishing in the course of Euromaidan: current social issues such as social imbalance, corruption, democratic deficits, war and forced migration are negotiated on stage. The theatre thus becomes a place of visualisation and translation of a complex, many-voiced reality that is barely noticed in the majority society and on the level of (political) decision-makers. Theatre can strengthen marginalised perspectives and create a new awareness of and for a “society of the many”.

With the discussion we want to create an exchange about the societal self-location of different theatre projects, connected with the question what this means for the production.

03.00 pm (CET)

Networking & Coffee

Interactive cross-sectoral networking event allows to meet representatives from academia, politics, civil society and culture in a low-threshold format. It provides an open atmosphere for getting to know each other and network.

December 11th. ● A Grassroot Perspective on Migration

09.00 am (CET)

Migration and Civil Society. Research Presentation & Discussion

At this event, we will present research results about civil society organizations created by migrants and those working for migrants, as well as talk about the prospects for their development.

- Organizations founded by Ukrainians abroad, organizations of foreigners in Ukraine, organizations that help migrants – what do they have in common? What goals and challenges unite them?
- What is the role of international donors and the state in building civil society, in particular in the field of migration?

11.30 am (CET)

Grassroot Activism in the Sphere of Migration. Interactive discussion

During this event we propose to discuss questions around the topic of grassroots activism and grassroots organizations active in the field of migration. We would like to discover together what is the “story” behind such activism and organizing.

- What are common strategies and problems of those organizations?
- How do they develop into “established NGOs and why”? Why did some of them remain grassroots?
- How do they cooperate between each other and with the others? What is important for cooperation – transnational and cross-sectoral?
- How to advocate as a grass root group?

Here it is also interesting to compare different experiences of organizations working in different contexts (including different countries). We encourage our guests to share their experiences and knowledge, it may serve as a step for further networking between organizations and individuals.

02.00 pm (CET)

Migration in Independent Cinema. Panel discussion

In official narratives as well as in mainstream media, migrants are often portrayed in an alienated and even hostile way. It's usually ‘them’ among ‘us’. These images mostly do not reflect the position of those who migrated to another place, willingly or by force.

Independent documentary cinema has the power to tell the story from the perspective of its heroes, a potential to reveal migrants' own voices, their struggles, hopes, and aspirations.

During the discussion, we will talk about the issues and challenges filmmakers and festival programmers face while working with the migration topic. We will discuss the questions of representation and director's perspective in films about migration, the logic of film festival programmers who include such movies in their program, and the ways these films can be used as a tool for knowledge production and social change.

December 12th. ● Crossing Borders: Labour and Student Migration

09.00 am (CET)

On Borders and Boundaries in the Context of Covid-19.
Panel Discussion

In this discussion we would like to reflect on the nature and the role of the borders and border crossing in our lives.

- Who created borders and how new borders are established?
- How do the COVID-restrictions limit the freedom of movement?
- Who is able to cross the borders and who is not? What happens now with the local border traffic?
- How the people living in the border zone are now dealing without their main source of income? And also what about labour migrants who stay in a foreign country not having a possibility to come back (for economical & legal reasons)?

11.00 am (CET)

Student Mobility and Migration. Panel Discussion

According to recent polls each forth young person in Ukraine has an intention to migrate. At the same time only 8% of students choose to study at the full cycle programs abroad. Why do so many young people say that they would like to leave Ukraine and not so many actually do that? We will talk about a plurality of factors that motivate young people to look for study options abroad (better education, future career perspectives or something else) how they make decisions to move and why so many stay.

- What is the role of places, contacts, networks and youth expectations in shaping students' migrant flows? Is academic mobility a first step to student migration and settlement in another country?

- What is the role of cross-sectoral state policies in shaping international student migration? How student mobility and migration develops in times of limited cross-border movement?
- What can we learn from “free movement disruptions”? Are less-developed countries losing the best and the brightest” and is there a way to “retain and return” or the talents?

Among the speakers are:

- Constanta Dohotaru (Chişinău);
- Danylo Sudyn (Lviv);
- Den Gumenyi (Kyiv);
- Prof. Denis Eckert (Paris/Berlin);
- Emilia Sniegoska (Berlin);
- Georg Genoux (Kyiv/Berlin);
- Iaryna Khomtsii (Lviv);
- Dr. Irina Mützelburg (Lyon);
- Johannes Kirsten (Berlin),
- Nadia Parfan (Kyiv);
- Natalia Shevchuk (Kyiv);
- Oleksandra Slobodian (Kyiv);
- Olena Fedyuk, PhD (Budapest);
- Olena Syrbu (Kyiv),
- Dr. des. Peter Ulrich (Berlin).

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