

Doctoral Researcher Symposium on Migration and Diaspora

Organisers: HOMELandS (Hub on Migration, Exiles, Languages and Spaces) and the Graduate School

Date: Friday 19th May 2023

Venue: Fyvie Hall, University of Westminster

Symposium Programme

Opening Session (9:30 to 10:00)

Opening speech by Andrew Linn (Pro Vice-Chancellor/Head of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences/Professor of Language, History and Society)

Welcome address by Margherita Sprio (Acting Head of the Graduate School) and Cangbai Wang (Co-leader of HOMELandS)

Panel 1 (10:00 - 11:30)

London and Migration: Negotiating Space, Place and Identities in A Global City

Chair: Maren Hahnfeld

Discussant: Dr. Cangbai Wang

(Re)negotiating identities in the diaspora: A case study of Tunisians in London

Monia Channoufi

Latin London memories

Veronica Posada Alvarez

Is Chinatown a “Chinese space”? Reimagining London’s Chinatown through everyday heritage-making

Xiao Ma

Tea/coffee break (15 mins)

Panel 2 (11:45 – 13:15)

Diasporic Literatures: Contested Memories, Transcultural Interpretation and the Representations of Border

Chair: Mary Martins

Discussant: Dr. Federica Mazzara

Are you sure that happened here? British internment of Second World War refugees

Linda Mannheim

Decolonising the teaching of Spanish language and culture: The African literature on diasporas case

Maria Jose Gonzalez Dominguez

“Challenging the fences”: Im-mobility, dis-placement and counter-discourse in Behrooz Boochani’s No Friend But The Mountains (2018)

Khaoula Zitouni

Lunch (13:15 – 14:00)

Panel 3 (14:00 - 16:00)

Migrant Spaces: Dis/replacement, Lived Experiences and Voices from the Margin

Chair: Linda Mannheim

Discussant: Dr. Lilian Miles

Addressing the trauma of war and flight in exile: A short-film collaboration with Syrian artist Rose Alkhaled

Maren Hahnfeld

Made in Thamesmead: an exploration of the migration and settlement of the black British community through documentary animation

Mary Martins

The distinctiveness of climate change migration: its drivers and implications in the context of employment in the RMG sector of Bangladesh

Reasat Faisal

Tea/coffee break (15 mins)

Panel 4 (16:15 – 17:15)

Alumni Panel: How Does Doctoral Research of Migration and Diaspora Benefit Employability and Career Development?

Chair: Dr. Saskia Huc-Hepher

Conclusion and General Discussion (17:15 -18:00)

Towards A Westminster Brand of Research into Migration and Diaspora

Chair: Prof. Terry Lamb, Dr. Margherita Sprio and Dr. Cangbai Wang

Drinks Reception (18:00-20:00)