

Call for papers to be published in a special issue

Journal: Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies

Title: *Transnational mobilities in nationalist times: living beyond the nation in the 21st century.*

Keywords: transnational studies, global studies, mobility, nationalism, frontiers.

This issue will explore the transnational movement of people, things, capital and ideas, at a time of rising nationalism. The prefix *trans* means both “across” and “beyond”. Thus “transnational” is here understood as a broad category, including international mobilities across national borderlines, and local rhythms dependent on global networks that supersede the limits of the nation-state. E.g. drug dealing in Manila.

Authors should keep in mind and address the three main goals of this special issue:

1. The key concept is “**transnational mobility**”. Contributors are invited to explore the meaning of “transnationalism” **in an age of nationalist revivals**. Therefore, we would want to hear from authors interested in one or more of these (and other) examples: the U.S. (Trump), the U.K. (Brexit), the far-right across continental Europe, Turkey (Erdogan), Syria (ISIL), Russia (Putin), the various authoritarian regimes in Asia, Venezuela (the late

Chávez and the early post-Chávez era), regional separatist movements in global perspective and so forth*.

*We are not only looking for experts in each of these case studies. In line with the methodological assumptions of transnational studies, we stress the importance of transdisciplinary research with a global scope, and the need to apply theories of mobility to urgent “real world” issues. Scholars who a) read the news and b) whose research concerns mobility and transnational studies, are encouraged to send their ideas.

2. A secondary goal is to **provide a definition of “transnationalism”** and “transnational studies” that builds upon previous efforts (“international” and above all “global” studies) without being necessarily the same. Is there a need for a new term –“transnational”? If so, why? How does “transnationalism” compare to “nationalism” in the 21st century. What is, at any rate, 21st century nationalism?
3. Finally, in the context of mobility studies, our third goal is to identify existing and, or, **new forms of cross-boundary (im)mobility** of people, things, capital and ideas.

We are looking for scholars working in the social sciences and humanities — anthropologists, political scientists, philosophers, economists, geographers, and historians, as well as those academics working across disciplines, in cultural studies and similar fields of research. To facilitate mutual understanding and further collaboration, all essays will be written in an academic yet accessible style.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Frontiers, walls, visas and paperwork.
- Hacking and censorship of the press and the internet.
- Mobility and immobility.
- Poverty, the global middle-class, and the new rich.
- Privacy and surveillance.
- Democracy and authoritarian tendencies.
- Terrorism and anti-terrorist legislation.
- Crime and policing.
- Grassroots movements and propaganda.
- Migrants and nativism.
- Transcontinental trade deals and anti-globalism.
- Global governance and the crisis of the UN, EU, and NATO.
- Tourism and anti-tourist demonstrations.
- Etc.

Please send a 300-word proposal, along with an academic CV, to the following email address:

jaime.moreno@ronininstitute.org The deadline for proposal submissions is December 1, 2017.