

IMISCOE PhD School 2026

Peripheries in Motion: International Migration and Migrant Inclusion beyond the Urban Spheres, 18-22 May 2026

Center for Migration and Societal Change, Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano (Italy)



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	<i>Monday, 18 May Centering the Peripheries in Migration Studies</i>	<i>Tuesday, 19 May Regional Perspectives on Peripheries in Motion</i>	<i>Wednesday, 20 May Policy, Politics & Agency at the Rural-Urban Spectrum</i>	<i>Thursday, 21 May Borders, Vulnerabilities, Resistance</i>	<i>Friday, 22 May Politics of Welcome Through the Local Lens</i>
9.00-10.30	Welcome from the Organisers and the President of Eurac Research Roland Psenner, Eurac Research Verena Wisthaler, Eurac Research Critical Perspectives on Local Migration Governance: The Methodological Localism Trap Ricard Zapata-Barrero, UPF Barcelona	Theorizing the Drivers of the Asylum-Far Right Nexus in Rural Europe: A meso-level approach Tiziana Caponio, Collegio Carlo Alberto Torino	The Politicisation of Local Migration Policy-Making and its Effects on Local Inclusion Policies in Small European Towns Andrea Pettrachin, University of Padova	Borderlab – A Performative Research on (de-)Bordering Cherish Menzo, choreographer & dancer, Verena Wisthaler, Sara Pernthaler & Elisa Piras, Eurac Research	9.30-11.00: Refugees' emplacement and the politics of informal welcome in an Italian mountain province Elisa Lanari, Eurac Research
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Train to Brixen/Bressanone (12:02)
11.00-12.30	Reframing "Left Behind" Places: A Mobility-Centred Perspective on Peripheral Futures and Alternative Development Pathways Maria Lucinda Fonseca, IGOT Lisbon	Migration and Rural Development – Indigenous Migrations Alicia Torres-Proano, FLACSO Ecuador	Migration Trajectories along the urban-rural spectrum: new insights through micro-data from the project INDUST Elisabeth Gruber, University Innsbruck	Borderlab continues	Field trip to Brixen/Bressanone
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Rural migration studies: concepts, methodologies and empirical evidence Stefan Kordel - Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen	Beyond Movement: Migration Patterns, Rural Transformation, and Policy Challenges in West Africa Joseph Awetori Yaro, University of Ghana	13.30-14.45 Doing research in peripheral and marginalized contexts: insights from the field Emilia Melossi, Giacomo Orisini & Elisa Lanari, Eurac Research	Why, When and How People Move: Exploring the Mobility–Rural Development Nexus in Moldova through an Interdisciplinary and Multi-Scalar Approach Matteo Vittuari and Francesca Crivellaro, University of Bologna	13.30-16.30: Doing migrant inclusion in rural South Tyrol With local policy makers and practitioners in Brixen/Bressanone Andrés Pizzinini, Jacob Mureda, Barbara Wopfner and Alexander Nitz.
15.00 – 15.30	Break	Break	14.45 - 15.00 Break	Break	Farewell drinks until approx. 17.30
15.30 – 17.00	South Tyrol: A brief introduction Camilla Cristofolletti & Sara Pernthaler, Eurac Research Guided Tour of Bozen/Bolzano (until 18.00) Georg Grote, Eurac Research	World Café: Learning Beyond the Lecture with Tiziana Caponio, Joseph Awetori Yaro, Andrea Pettrachin, Verena Wisthaler	15.00 -16.00 4Planet: Climate Crisis and Migration Francesca Rosignoli, Eurac Research Followed by a conversation – moderator: Adriana Recalde Martinez (Eurac Research)	Involuntary Migrant Journeys Across Borderlands: Intersectional Landscapes of Vulnerability and Exploitation Farhan Navid Yousaf – University of Punjab	Afterwards: Return to Bozen/Bolzano by train
			16.00 - 18.30 Science Slam, Award Ceremony and drinks		