

Call for Abstracts

Swiss Network of Young Migration Scholars Conference 2026

“Narratives on migration”

9 September 2026

University of Lucerne

The Swiss Network of Young Migration Scholars warmly invites early-career researchers – doctoral and postdoctoral – to participate in its annual conference at the University of Lucerne. This event provides a collegial space to present current research, receive feedback, and engage in critical exchange with peers from across disciplines.

Papers may be submitted to one of two panels.

First, a general panel, in which ongoing research projects on migration and transnational mobility can be presented and discussed.

Second, a panel on narratives of migration and mobility, including but not limited to:

- Personal stories, self-representations and lived experiences of migrants,
- Political, legal and societal debates,
- Public attitudes,
- Media discourses,
- Artistic representations,
- Academic debates, and
- Historical developments.

For both panels, we welcome submissions from all disciplinary backgrounds and at any stage of the research process. The call is open to conceptual, methodological, and empirical contributions.

Participants will give a 10-15 minute presentation of their ongoing research projects, followed by a 10-15 minute discussion and feedback round.

The conference follows the principle of “chacun·e sa langue”: participants are encouraged to present in the language in which they are most comfortable (English, French, German, or Italian). Discussions will be multilingual.

Submission Guidelines

Please send an abstract (max. 300 words) and a short biographical note (max. 100 words) to info@migrationscholars.ch by 12 June 2026. We kindly ask you to indicate in your abstract or email which panel you would like to present in.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by the end of June.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide funding to cover travel, accommodation, or other expenses related to participation in the conference.

We look forward to an engaging day of discussion, connection, and exchange!