Mobility is considered to be a crucial driving force in social, cultural, and political dynamics. In recent years, the notion of mobility has established itself as a multifaceted and complex subject across various academic fields and disciplines. Ever since the so-called mobility turn (Sheller/Urry 2006), the term stands for a paradigm shift in theory and research practice, aiming to leave behind static and dichotomous ascriptions, categories and frames of analysis, such as deterritorialization vs. sedentariness.

Though matters of and conflicts about mobility appear at first glance to be ubiquitous, scholarship faces the challenge of grasping the manifold and antagonistic conditions of mobility. New approaches still need to be found for exploring the contested territory of being and becoming mobile or immobile, as well as the hybrid forms that result from the interplay between these processes.

Whenever resistance is put up or met, it is structured by a fundamental ambivalence: it constrains mobility and channels opposing forces, but also mobilizes, brakes and even breaks, laying bare conflicting moments and movements. As soon as forces determining im/mobility become manifest, details and (little) formations of the resistant provide instructive insights for describing and questioning concepts, theories, phenomena and scopes of mobile action.

“Move on!” reflects the need to move further, transform, transfigure, develop, and maybe even leave behind academic commonplaces. But the title of the conference also puts the constellations of power that generate, enforce and presuppose mobility up for discussion.

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(Senior-Discussant: Sudeep Dasgupta, Junior-Discussant: Thomas Assinger)

Aila Spathopoulou (King’s College London, UK): “Degrees of Liquidity on the Aegean: Ships, migrants and Turkish tourists around Lesvos”

Tom Ulrich (University of Weimar, Germany): “Schere Stein Paris. A Visual Archaeology of Revolutionary Paris”

Zohar Elmakias (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel): “End of the line. The Ceasing of Movement at the Jaffa Train Station, 1892-2010”

PANEL 03 — PERFORMING MOVEMENTS, TRACING BORDERS  
(Senior-Discussant: Alexandra Ganser, Junior-Discussant: Marianne Windsperger)

Cengiz Haksöz (University of Pittsburgh, USA): “Immobilizing the Violence. Yeryüzü İftarları as a Performance during the Istanbul Gezi Park Protest”

Iris Fraueneder (University of Vienna, Austria): “Mobilizing Images: Militancy and Anabasis”

Roman Kabelik (University of Vienna, Austria): “Looking Afar, Staying Nearby. Tracing the Mobility-Dispositif in Goethe’s The Sorrows of Young Werther”

PANEL 04 — CULTURAL MARKETS  
(Senior-Discussant: Tomi Adeoga, Junior-Discussant: Philipp Wagner)

Katharina Fritsch (University of Vienna, Austria): “The Place of Twarab in Marseille – between being fixed and resisting”

Celena Monteiro (University of Chichester, UK): “Mobile Hips, Mobile Identities. Dancehall Queen Performance as Resistance”

PANEL 05 — POLITICS OF THE STATE AND RESISTANCE (Senior-Discussant: Petra Dannecker, Junior-Discussant: Fanny Müller-Uri)

Raffael Beier (University of Bochum, Germany): “Urban Mobility, Resistance and the State. The Urbanism of Urgency in North Africa”

Eva Freudenthaler (University of Vienna, Austria): “Refugee Camps as bases of resistance. The case of Goma 1994-1996”

Anja Joos (University of Freiburg, Germany): “The fight of Yeniche minority for their mobile rights. The occupation of the Kleine Allmend in Bern, Switzerland”

Keynote Lecture by Jennifer Ann Wenzel: “TOWARDS AN OIL INVENTORY”

Joint dinner at Café Ansari

WORKSHOP WITH BILGIN AYATA  
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and Closing Discussion

THURSDAY, 26.11.2015

14.30 – 15.00  
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OPENING

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Faßmann  
(Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, University of Vienna)

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ulrike Felt  
(Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna)

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Matthias Meyer  
(Dean of the Faculty of Philosophical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna)

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Annegret Pelz  
(Deputy Head of the Research Platform Mobile Cultures and Societies, University of Vienna)

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15.00 – 17.30  
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PANEL 01 — POLITICAL MOBILISATION IN TRANSNATIONAL SPACES  
(Senior-Discussant: Bilgin Ayata, Junior-Discussant: Felix Bergmeister)

Denz Çoşan-Eke (University of Munich, Germany): “Alevism. Boundaries and Identity”

Alev Çakır (University of Vienna, Austria): “The construction of transnational (political) spaces by Alevi and Kurdish Migrant Organizations in Austria” (Mediated Mobilities and Political Mobilization Processes: Negotiating Identity)

Carsten Schäfer (University of Vienna, Austria): “De-territorializing the Chinese nation state — China’s Overseas Chinese policy and its implications for Chinese in Austria: The case of the Austrian-Chinese webpage ouuo.net during the 2008 Tibetan Uproar”

Keynote Lecture by Sudeep Dasgupta: “RE-IMAGINING EUROPE: ALTERNATIVE TRAJECTORIES TOWARD PLOTTING MOBILITY OTHERWISE”

19.00 – 20.30  
Alle Kapelle

FRIDAY, 27.11.2015

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Endnote Lecture by Anna Lipphardt: “TRACING THE MOBILE TRAJECTORIES OF ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS IN THE 21ST CENTURY. A REALITY CHECK”

SATURDAY, 28.11.2015

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