



Imagining an After in Migration Bordering and Cruel Hope

A Workshop with Prof. Shahram Khosravi, Stockholm University

20 February 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

UniS, Room A-124, University of Bern, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern

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The workshop contributions reflect on ethnographic imaginings of the “after” in migration, deportation, and border studies. Discussing alternative futures in migration and border studies calls for critical reflections on exile, home, hope, and integration. Through engaging critically with borders, bordering practices, and in-group/out-group categorizations of a constructed migrant figure, the workshop brings together ethnographic explorations of hindrances to future-makings, ways of living, connectivities, and solidarities across the borders.

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Shahram Khosravi is an anthropologist of Iran and the Middle East, migration, displacement and border studies. Among his publications are *Young and Defiant in Tehran*, University of Pennsylvania Press; *The "Illegal" Traveler: An Auto-Ethnography of Borders*, Palgrave; and *Precarious Lives: Waiting and Hope in Iran*, University of Pennsylvania Press. He has edited and co-edited numerous volumes including, *After Deportation: Ethnographic Perspectives*; *Waiting and the Temporalities of Irregular Migration*; and *Seeing Like a Smuggler: Borders from Below*.

Workshop Program

10:00 - 10:15: Arrival and Welcome

10:15 - 12:00: Session 1 - A Presentation by Shahram Khosravi: *Migrant Precarization through Integration*
Discussants: Charles Heller (University of Bern), Kiri Santer (University of Bern)
Chair: Sabine Strasser (University of Bern)

12:00- 13:00: Lunch

13:00- 16:00: Session 2
Chair: Sabine Strasser

13:00-13:45: Nina Khamsy (University of Neuchatel): *The EU and the People Without Phones*

13:45 - 14:30: Elsayed E. Abdelhamid (Manchester University): *The Perpetual "After:" Fugitivity and Multiple Displacements in Search of Stability for Post-2013 Egyptian Exiles*

14:30 - 15:00: Coffee Break

15:00 - 15:45: Moslem Ghomashlouyan (University of Bern): *"A Free and Normal Life" in the "Outside (Xarij)": Migratory Dreams of Women in a Kurdish Village in Iran*

18:00 - 20:30: *What Spaces Should the Universities Be?* The workshop participants are invited to join the gathering with the University of Bern's Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies staff and students on Palestine solidarity encampments in Living Room, Moserstrasse 30, 3014 Bern.