

Migration and the Generational Experience: Conference Summary

The meeting took place on September 24 and 25, 2019. The academic and administrative staffs of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, the Institute of Sociological Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University, and the Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences participated in the preparation.

The agenda was set out by Zdeněk Uherek, who showed several possibilities for approaching the topic. His contribution was followed by examples of ethnographic research from various settings, including Poland, the Czech Republic, Russia, Singapore, Ukraine, the Philippines and India. Thematically, the authors focused mainly on generational differences in utilizing new communication technologies, different approaches to religiosity, quality of employment, and social care. Also discussed were different experience of migrating parents and children, questions of transnationalism, cosmopolitanism and diasporas.

Most of the contributions were based on data from qualitative surveys, but several contributions also worked with larger data sets. From a methodological point of view, an interesting consideration was that the conclusions based on quantitative and qualitative data usually did not necessarily complement each other but could be contradictory. Most of the contributions focused on the generational experience of migrants, while fewer addressed the generational experience of non-migrants with regard to particular migration groups.

In his remarks at the end of the meeting, Chris Hann drew on his familiarity with Hungarian and Polish migration experiences as well as the attitudes of the Hungarian and Polish populations towards migrants in these countries. He emphasized that attitudes need to be placed in the context of the economic situation of the Visegrád states, which continues to differ greatly from that of most Western European states.

The meeting took place in a friendly and creative atmosphere. Zdeněk Uherek proposed to publish contributions in a thematic issue of *Cargo Journal for Social and Cultural Anthropology*.