

**Junior Fellowship for Dr. Zaheera Jinnah: "Shifting Families: Interrogating notions of 'family' in a context of contemporary African migration and diverse urban spaces, using multi-sited case studies in South Africa, Morocco, and Germany"**

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This project examines the intersection of migration and family using multi-sited case studies in Johannesburg (South Africa), Fes (Morocco), and Berlin (Germany). Drawing on an interdisciplinary approach from anthropology, education, gender, migration and linguistic studies, the main aim of this project is to interrogate the notions and dynamics of African migrant families in the context of contemporary and multi-directional migration flows in three urban spaces. In particular, this project explores how African families renegotiate family systems and cope with structural, political and domestic violence throughout the migratory process. The project is based on an involved, mixed methodology consisting of analysis of census data, policy analysis and original empirical fieldwork in three countries. The research is structured into two work packages (WPs). WP 1 focuses on exploring how migratory policy frameworks and regulations in origin, destination and transit cities - Johannesburg, Berlin and Fes - shape concepts of family, identity, inclusion, and marginalization. WP 2 examines the notions, dynamics, fluidity, and resilience amongst selected families in these same cities, investigating how family roles and systems shift or persist, and are performed during and after migration and in relation to experiences of violence. The findings of this study will contribute to scholarly work on the intersection of migration and families in contemporary urban Africa, and will develop insights and reflections into conducting multi-sited mixed method studies that are influenced by an interdisciplinary approach.

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