

Vision: Envisioning Convivial Europe

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The project will advance knowledge on two intertwined phenomena, which impede accomplishment of a convivial European society: life conditions in Europe's shrinking regions ('inner peripheries') and their connections to the transnational regime of mobile disposable work. The project is based on a combination of multi-sited, mobile and visual ethnography methods and utilises four complementary perspectives represented by the team members, namely geography, sociology, visual anthropology and gender studies. The team will draw the attention to the intersecting relations of gender and generation in understanding interregional linkages characterised by inequality. The project members seek to develop a new narrative around transformative Europe. The researchers privilege knowledge of people in inner-peripheries, which has been rendered invisible. They study inhabitants of these regions in Germany (Brandenburg), Poland and Romania, as well as temporary foreign workers filling labour shortages there. They will also co-create knowledge in dialogue with them. The project recognises that these places and people have resources to make Europe more convivial. The team uses visual ethnography (i.e. filmmaking) strategically as an optic alternative to old binary vocabularies of growth vs. decline, winners vs. losers. The produced films will be utilised to foster public engagement with various actors, including research participants, NGOs, local communities and politicians in fieldwork locations and beyond. Studying transnational/translocal interlinkages between Europe's 'inner-peripheries', it intends to add new perspectives significantly different from the conventional scholarship which focuses transfers between rich and poor regions.

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