

Title: **Mobility at the margins. Irregular migration and informal street work.**

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In this session we want to bring together researchers who study migrants who earn money from begging, street artistry, petty theft or other forms of street work, who operate outside the regular labour market and who have no or limited rights to welfare in the country of destination. This may include EU citizens exercising their right to free movement, such as marginalized roma and non-rom from Eastern Europe, as well as undocumented migrants or rejected asylum seekers from outside the EU. For obvious reasons migration research tend to focus on migration streams through regulated channels such as labor, asylum/refugee, and family and student migration. Migrants outside of these streams, such as the ones who are not able or do not intend to find work, who do not have grounds to seek asylum and do not have access to welfare services, are often less accessible for empirical research. Nevertheless, they raise significant questions for migration research, as well as significant policy challenges for the states that host them. By bringing together researchers who study undocumented migrants from non-EU countries and researchers who study migration at the margins within the EU, we hope to create a room for theoretical discussion on these groups motives for migration, expectations for outcomes, how mobility and streetwork is organized and consequences of mobility for the migrants and their families, as well as how such flows and activities are framed in public policy and media and the ways in which states and local authorities attempt to regulate them. We welcome both theoretically and empirically based papers.