

Immigrant Exclusion and Solidarities in Times of Polarizing Societies

Call for Papers
SSA Conference, Fribourg, 2–4 September 2026

The next conference of the Swiss Sociological Association is focused on communities and societies in movement, hinting at the role of in-groups and out-groups in contemporary societies. In the context of international migration, social organization can be characterized by social cohesion and solidarity, indifference, or exclusion. Perhaps more than other social divisions, migration is characterized by a lens of conflict. Diversity and polarization are no longer necessarily perceived as originating in national differences, with the intersection of minority statuses increasingly recognized and highlighted in research and policy.

We seek contributions that engage with the changing role of communities and societies in the context of international migration. This includes populist reactions to immigration, polarization, and processes of exclusion, but also efforts to counter these with inclusive narratives, support, and solidarity. Contributions may deal with diverse threats to social cohesion, solidarity, belonging on the one hand, exclusion, discrimination, and racism on the other hand. We are also interested in inequalities and stratification around immigration and immigrant inclusion in the wider sense. The contributions will provide insights on the changing forms of exclusion or solidarity, as well as the new type of stratification and inclusion.

This call is open to qualitative, quantitative, and experimental research on migration and minorities. Contributions can examine the causes, forms, or consequences of communities and societies in movement.

The conference will be held in German, French and English. Working language of the workshop is English.

Please submit your 200 word abstracts by **10 November 2025** on https://neuchatel.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8nW4YDtZvssfRYy

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