International Workshop
*Literatures and Cultures of Homes in the Making*

12–14 December 2019
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany.

The Center for Gender and Diversity Research (ZGD) and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Global South Studies (ICGSS) at the University of Tübingen along with the Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University are jointly organising this three-day workshop.

Call for Applications

As a timely response to the upsurge in world migration rates, and the quick spread of different cultural trends along with the movement of peoples across continents, this workshop aims to explore the complex notion of ‘home’ beyond its simplified view as a spot on the map with specific coordinates, viewing it in terms of a bundle of meaningful cultural and social practices. In this view, it is precisely these practices and the emotions attached to them which create out of this very space a place that one calls ‘home’. Instead of asking where home is, this workshop asks, then, what makes a home, whether on the level of the country or the nation, the city, the village, the neighbourhood, the house or even the people with which it is attached. In other words, the idea of this collaborative effort is not only to investigate narratives of displacement, but also to explore the notion of home as a process in the making in different literary and cultural media. This call thus encourages presentations on narratives of both losing homes and constructing others.

This workshop will bring together researchers of different levels and specialisations from the University of Tübingen and Alexandria University to exchange views and ideas about the notion of ‘home’ as both a concept and a practice in an attempt to reflect on prominent issues relating to immigration and the displacement of peoples which are – today more than ever – of utmost concern.

We invite applications for *paper or poster presentations* from MA and PhD students, and young researchers in literary and cultural studies from the universities of Alexandria and Tübingen.
Application Process

Please send an email to homesinthemaking@gmail.com that includes:

1. Personal statement (1000 words max) that addresses the following questions:
   a. What is your research and/or teaching experience in the field?
   b. How is this workshop relevant to your research interests?
   c. What interests you about the idea of the workshop and how is it relevant to your current research?
   d. How do you hope to benefit from your participation in this workshop?
2. Abstract for paper/poster presentation to be presented at the workshop (250 words).

For applicants from Alexandria University, this is a fully-funded competitive opportunity under the German-Egyptian Progress Partnership. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be enrolled for an MA or PhD in Humanities at Alexandria University.

Application Deadline: 20 October 2019

The workshop will be conducted entirely in English.

For more information about the workshop and application process, please contact Dr. Gero Bauer (gero.bauer@uni-tuebingen.de) or Dr. Amina ElHalawani (a.elhalawani@alexu.edu.eg).