

## Aims and objectives

### Doing Transitions in the Life Course – Discourses, Practices, Institutions, Subjects

Transition research has developed and diversified across different disciplines, epistemological interests and approaches as well as research methodologies. Many studies conceive of transitions as linear steps in the life course from one stage to another. They share the understanding that success means mastering these challenges and thus offer an individualised view of transitions. The relationship, however, is not so straightforward. Transitions are processes with ups and downs, loops and circles, steps forward and back that result from interactions between various actors. 'Doing Transitions' accordingly means to conceive of transitions as emerging from the interplay between discursive, institutional, and individual practices.

Since 2017, the Research Training Group, 'Doing Transitions', funded by the German Research Association (DFG), has been working on a deeper understanding of how transitions emerge across the life course. Early career researchers work on research questions such as: How do individuals, institutions, and discourses contribute to the formation of transition? What is the meaning of time, space, and bodies in this process? How are difference and inequality reproduced in the formation of life course transitions?

The aim of this conference is to present the Research Training Group's affiliated projects and to discuss them with international scholars in the field and thereby develop new ideas and perspectives for research on the processing of transitions. Researchers, students, and practitioners with an interest in transition research as well as in related areas are invited to discuss the meanings and implications of 'Doing Transitions'.

## Contact

### Address of conference venue:

University of Tübingen  
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'Alte Aula'  
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### Registration:

For attendance, please register  
until **27th of January 2020** under  
<http://www.doingtransitions.org/>

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Collaborative DFG-funded Research Training Group on  
Forms of the Formation of Transitions in the Life Course

International Conference

## Doing Transitions in the Life Course Discourses, Practices, Institutions, Subjects

Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

17<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> of February 2020

## Programme

### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> of February

#### Welcome

14:00 Josef Schmid, *Dean of Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, University of Tübingen*

#### Introduction

14:20 Barbara Stauber, *University of Tübingen*  
Andreas Walther, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

#### Keynote 1

14:30 Laura Bernardi, *University of Lausanne*  
Relative time in life course research

15:30 *Coffee break*

#### Panel Session: doing transitions through organisation and ritualization

16:00 *Panel 1: Doing transitions differently – everyday life and extraordinary transition practices*

Kerstin Rinnert: Using the internet as a space of opportunity for queer transitions

Anna Wanka: Cycling, travelling, renovating – bodies, spaces and things in doing retirement

Julia Prescher: Bodies and clothing in rites of passage towards adulthood

Discussant: Tobias Boll, *University of Mainz*

*Panel 2: Biographical articulation in transition*

Noreen Eberle: Biographical narratives on educational upward mobility in adulthood

Jessica Lütgens: Biographies of politicisation in adolescence

Andrea Pohling: Transitions to articulating experiences of sexual violence in the public

Discussant: Tina Spies, *Evangelische Hochschule Darmstadt, University of Applied Science*

18:00 *City walk and dinner (with previous registration)*

### Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of February

#### Keynote 2

09:00 Kathleen Riach, *Monash University*  
The bodily politics of ageing transitions:  
Negotiating in and through organizational life

10:00 *Coffee break*

#### Panel Session: doing transitions as articulation and inclusion

10:30 *Panel 3: Doing transitions through welfare regulation*

Heidi Hirschfeld: Social disadvantage and the power (lessness) of support in school-to-work transitions

Bianca Lenz: The 'right' help? How youth job center clients negotiate their biographies

Miriam Lehnert: Governance and the transition to care in older age in Germany and the US

Discussant: Eva Nadai, *University of Applied Science, North-West Switzerland*

*Panel 4: Embodied transitions - bodies in transition*

Janne Krumbügel: Discourses on the pregnant body in advice literature

Deborah Nägler: Growing up in an individualised society - bodies between childhood and youth

Kathrin Henrich: Bodily experiences and expressions of studying at university

Discussant: Imke Schmincke, *Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

12:30 *Lunch break*

#### Poster Session - with coffee and cake

14:00 New PhD projects on Doing Transitions

#### Panel Session: spaces and bodies of doing transitions

15:30 *Panel 5: Doing transitions in, through and of space*

Tabea Freutel-Funke: 'Neighbourhood matters' - children on their way to independent mobility

Anna Reinhardt: 'Transitopies' – Spaces of young immigrants' transitions to regular schooling

Helena Müller: Practices related to spaces and things in transitions into co-housing

Discussant: Anamaria Depner, *University of Heidelberg*

*Panel 6: Doing transitions – the role of collective subjects*

Nils Klevermann: Organisations as powerful actors in the formation of transitions

Simone Anton: Doing promotion – transitions in companies from staff to management

Eva Heinrich: The transition (back) to work – balancing work and family after parental leave

Discussant: Inga Truschkat, *University of Hildesheim*

17:30 *Coffee break*

#### Keynote 3

18:00 Heinz-Hermann Krüger, *University of Halle*  
Exclusive careers: Longitudinal findings of young adults' transitions into university or employment

20:00 *Conference dinner (with previous registration)*

### Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of February

#### Keynote 4

9:00 Richard A. Settersten, *Oregon State University*  
Unlinked Lives: Notes on Leaving and Loss

10:00 *Coffee break*

#### Panel Discussion

10:30 Flashlights from the panels

Lessons of and questions for 'Doing Transitions'

Rick Settersten, *Oregon State University*

Kathleen Riach, *Monash University*

Inga Truschkat, *University of Hildesheim*

chaired by Anna Wanka

#### Wrap-Up and Looking Ahead

12:00 Barbara Stauber, *University of Tübingen*  
Andreas Walther, *Goethe University Frankfurt*