



Call for papers:

Workshop “The politics of residential mobility: Causes and consequences”

Date: February 01-02, 2024
Location: MZES, University of Mannheim, Germany
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We invite applications for the two-day workshop “The politics of residential mobility: Causes and consequences”, to be held at the MZES, University of Mannheim, February 01-02, 2024.

Contents

Issues pertaining to residential choice, domestic migration, and spatial polarization increasingly permeate public discourses and the political agenda. Residential mobility is a key characteristic of present-day societies, with most people moving several times over the course of their lives, many of them between different localities within the same country. Long-standing literatures from numerous disciplines have studied the incentives and constraints that drive residential relocation as well as the effects on individuals, localities, and countries’ social geography. Political science research, however, has only recently turned to studying the political dimension of these phenomena.

This workshop aims to produce new insights at the intersection of politics and residential mobility. It emphasizes political and politically salient drivers of residential choice on the one hand and political repercussions of domestic migration for individuals, places, and politics on the other.

We invite contributions from across the social sciences. We are open to both single-country and comparative studies in Europe and beyond, and invite analyses of domestic residential mobility at various geographical levels (intra-national, intra-regional, or intra-local). Topics of interest for contributions include, but are not limited to:

- I. Politically relevant causes of residential choice, including political, economic, socio-structural, cultural-attitudinal inequalities, critical (local) events, and the effects of public policy.
- II. Consequences of residential mobility at the micro-level, including perceptual, economic, attitudinal, and political-behavioral effects on individuals and repercussions at the aggregate (local or regional) level, including spatial clustering and polarization.
- III. Consequences of residential mobility for party politics and the politicization of spatial inequalities, including intra-party politics, parties’ rhetoric and strategic agency, and party competition at the national and subnational levels.
- IV. Methodological advances in studying residential choice, residential histories, spatial clustering and polarization, local compositional change, and (dynamic) context effects, preferably with applications to political sociology, political economy, and/or political geography.



The goal of the workshop is to systematize and deepen our understanding of the intersection of domestic residential mobility and politics. We encourage contributions that highlight innovative cutting-edge perspectives, leverage geo-referenced data, and/or employ computational and causal inference methods.

Applications and decisions

Please submit your application to mzes-resmopol@uni-mannheim.de by July 26, including:

- Title
- Abstract (max. 300 words), specifying theoretical argument, data, methods, and geographical scope
- Author(s)
- Name and affiliation of the presenter
- CV of the presenter

Please also indicate if you would be interested in contributing your paper as part of a special issue proposal after the workshop.

The timeline for the application process is as follows:

- Deadline for abstract submissions: July 26, 2023
- Accept/reject decisions: From August 10, 2023
- Deadline for the submission of papers: January 19, 2024

Costs and logistics

The workshop will be hosted at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim. We will cover the costs for hotel accommodation and reimburse travel expenses (within generous limits) for all presenters.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have, and feel free to share this call widely. We look forward to your contributions and to seeing you at the University of Mannheim.

Best wishes,
Denis Cohen and Sandra Morgenstern