

Program

A kaleidoscopic lens on migrant social lives

Diverse meaning-making resources and self-positioning in diaspora contexts

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Kartini Room, Bushuis/Oost-Indisch Huis

Migrants draw on a wide range of meaning-making resources, including language, clothing, food, music, dance, religion, and others, to build communities, construct identities and navigate life in different receiving societies, fostering complex and vibrant migrant social worlds. These resources are not isolated; rather, they are deeply interconnected and mutually constitutive.



By bringing together presentations on diverse social-cultural practices, this workshop aims to highlight how these resources intersect with language and present how migrants make use of them and how they shape migrants' everyday lived experiences within the diasporic contexts.



SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:25

Coffee and welcome

10:25 - 10:55

Talk 1 - Yan Jia

Stylizing Wenyan and dressing up in Hanfu: Constructing a new Chinese migrant identity in the Netherlands

10:55 - 11:10 Discussion

11:10 - 11:30

Talk 2 - Miki Gulēna-Taube

“It’s the Song That Unites Us”: Multilingual Practices and Linguistic Landscapes in Latvian Diaspora Choirs

11:30 - 12:05 Discussion and coffee

12:05 - 12:25

Talk 3 - Eleftheria Sofroniou

Tradition and Modernity in linguistic and dance ideologies and practices: Examining three dance schools in London’s Greek Cypriot diaspora

12:25 - 12:40 Discussion

12:40 - 14:00

Break

14:00 - 14:20

Talk 4 - Nina van Kampen

Sounding Palestinian in Beirut (Lebanon): Language, heritage and prestige in exile

14:20 - 14:35 Discussion

14:35 - 14:55

Talk 5 - Kai Shmushko

Diasporic Tea Escapes: Chinese Tea Houses in Europe as Post-secular Spaces

14:55 - 15:05 Discussion

15:05 - 15:20

Musical intermezzo

15:20 - 16:00

Closing words and drinks
