

Aims and objectives

Moving away from taken for granted assumptions, Doing Transitions stands for a focus on how transitions in the life course emerge and how they are interlinked across the whole life span from early childhood to later life. The projects within the research training group "Doing Transitions" explore not only established wide-spread transitions, such as entering school, working life or retirement, divorce or widowhood, but also less frequent transitions such as the transition away from the gender assigned at birth, children's placing out of home, transitions of women released from prison, staging one's own growing up on the internet, or entering the end of life phase.

In these studies analysis has focussed on modes of shaping transitions, especially the interrelation between discursive, institutional and individually ascribed practices on the one hand. On the other hand, cross-cutting dimensions of the constitution of transitions have been identified: interpersonal relationships, temporalities and materialities (especially physical, spatial and material dimensions). Studying how transitions are done, thus, implies a relational approach extending the 'doing' perspective to multiple agents, processes and practices.

The 3rd Doing Transitions International Conference addresses "Relational Perspectives on the Life Course" and brings together the "Doing Transitions" research group with other researchers concerned with conducting research on life course transitions in a reflexive and relational perspective. The concept of relationality will be discussed in terms of different theoretical dimensions and methodological aspects of transitions across the life course.

General information

Conference venue:

Goethe University Frankfurt/Main
Campus Westend, Casino-Building, 1st floor
(no. 7 on the map)
Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 1
60323 Frankfurt



For indications how to reach the venue:

<https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/73011530/>

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Registration:

For attendance, please register until **May 1st, 2023** under <http://www.doingtransitions.org/>
(Contribution for expenses like catering 30,- Euro for all participants)

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

International Conference

Doing Transitions

Relational perspectives on the life course

Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

10th-12th of May 2023

Program

Wednesday, 10th of May

Welcome and introduction

14:00 Opening

Christiane Thompson, Vice-President, *Goethe University Frankfurt* (tbc)

Sabine Andresen, Dean of the Faculty of Education, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

14:15 Introduction

Barbara Stauber, *University of Tübingen*

Andreas Walther, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

Keynote 1

14:30 Life course transitions in time and place: A note on methodological tools and challenges in applied research

Daniela Grunow, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

15:30 Coffee break

Panel session I

16:00-18:15 Panel 1: Emerging transitions in and out of work in contemporary social change

Panel 2: Interpersonal relations in doing transitions

Panel 3: End of life, grief and loss

Evening program

19:00 City walk and possibility for joint dinner afterwards (at own expense)

Thursday, 11th of May

Keynote 2

09:00 Living through time: Relational perspectives on ageing and vital inequalities in activating welfare states

Silke van Dyk, *University of Jena*

10:00 Coffee break

Panel session II

10:30 Panel 4: (Un)Doing difference in transitional learning processes

Panel 5: Practices and relations in later life transitions

Panel 6: Materialities and affect in transition(s)

12:15 Lunch break

Poster session - with coffee and cake

13:45 New PhD projects in Doing Transitions

Panel session III

15:15 Panel 7: Relational perspectives on social class in the life course

Panel 8: Institutional regimes in the life course

Panel 9: Temporalities in the life course

17:30 Break

Keynote 3

18:00-19:00 Unexpected configurational changes: Life transitions in a relational perspective

Eric Widmer, *University of Geneva*

Evening program

20:00 Reception and conference dinner (upon prior registration), ALEX Frankfurt Skyline Plaza (Europa-Allee 6, 60327 Frankfurt)

Friday, 12th of May

Panel session IV

09:00 Panel 10: Analysing transitions in relational perspective - methodological perspectives

Panel 11: Chrononormativities in professional transitions

10:45 Coffee break

Commentary & final discussion

11:15 Doing transitions, relationally: Implications, gains and open questions

Rick A. Settersten Jr., *Oregon State University*

Wrap-up and looking ahead

13:00 Barbara Stauber, *University of Tübingen*
Andreas Walther, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

13:15 End of the conference

For details of panels (panel presentations, chairs, discussants and venues) please check the extended program under <https://www.doingtransitions.org>. For registration you can use the QR-Code below.

