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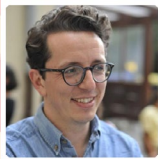
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SAST, UCT+2 EEST, UCT+3 Monday 15 September 2025						
10:00 - 11:30	11:00 - 12:30	Session I	Session chair: Prof Marijn Molema	University of Groningen	Netherlands	
10:00 - 10:15	11:00 - 11:15	Opening address, Chair person, ISRH, international steering committee	Prof Elize S Van Eeden	North-West University	South Africa	
10:15 - 10:45	11:15 - 11:45	Welcome address, Convener, chair person of the organizing committee and the advisory board in Finland	Prof Sulevi Riukulehto	University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute	Finland	
10:45 - 11:30	11:45 - 12:30	Keynote address I	Dr Joseph Ben Prestels 	Freie Universität Berlin	Germany	Migration and Regional History: Reconstructing Western Europe's Arab Past (1960s–80s)
11:30 - 12:00	12:30 - 13:00	Coffee break				
12:00 - 13:30	13:00 - 14:30	Session II	Session chair: Prof Marja Jalava	University of Tampere	Finland	
12:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 13:30	Presentation 1	Prof Z. Ezgi Haliloğlu Kahraman	Çankaya University and Geneva Graduate Institute	Turkey	Reading the Traces of Mobility in a Marginalized Urban Neighborhood: Layered Migrations, Place-making and Production of Belonging
12:30 - 13:00	13:30 - 14:00	Presentation 2	Mr Yasser Ansari	Christ University, Bengaluru, Karnataka	India	Labour mobility and its socio-spatial impact- Tea Plantations and labour migration in Early Colonial Assam
13:00 - 13:30	14:00 - 14:30	Presentation 3	Mr Ryo Umeda	University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute	Finland, Japan	Rural in-migration and hometown sentiment: Case of the Japanese Furusato Nozei Hometown Tax Donation System
13:30 - 14:00	14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break				
14:00 - 15:45	15:00-16:45	Session III	Session chair: Prof Saija-Leena Rantanen	University of Arts Helsinki, Sibelius Academy	Finland	
14:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 15:30	Presentation 4	Gorrety Yogo	African Migration and Policy Development Centre	Kenya	Firstborn as a choice towards Migration Decision Making Process; A case in Kenya
14:30 - 15:00	15:30 - 16:00	Presentation 5	Prof Egberto Bermudez	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Colombia	Music, mobility, migration and regions between Spain and the Americas: 1530-1630

15:00 - 15:45	16:00-16:45	Keynote address II	Prof Toyin Falola 	University of Texas, Austin	USA	<i>Migration, Regional Identities, And the Complexities of Engagements</i>
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Tuesday 16 September 2025						
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10:30 - 12:00	11:30 - 13:00	Session IV	Session chair: Prof Umesh Ashok Kadam	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	India	
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10:30 - 10:45	11:30 - 11:45	Conference publications - Info: Journal of Migration History, Proceedings	Assoc. Prof Markku Mattila	<i>Migration Institute of Finland</i>	Finland	
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10:45 - 11:30	11:45 - 12:30	Keynote address III	Dr Samira Saramo 	<i>Migration Institute of Finland</i>	Finland, Canada	<i>Forests, Temporality, and Migration History in Northern Ontario, Canada</i>
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11:30 - 12:00	12:30 - 13:00	Presentation 6	Dr Swati Nupur Tigga	<i>Woxsen University, Hyderabad</i>	India	<i>Memory, Myth, and Migration: Regional Re-imaginings of the Ramayana in Tribal and Marginal Communities</i>
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12:00 - 12:30 13:00 - 13:30 Coffee break						
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12:30 - 14:30	13:30 - 15:30	Session V	Session chair: Assoc. Prof Ismo Björn	University of Eastern Finland	Finland	
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12:30 - 13:00	13:30 - 14:00	Presentation 7	Prof Samia Khalid	<i>Islamia University of Bahawalpur (Punjab)</i>	Pakistan	<i>A Migration that Reshaped the Northwestern Fringe of the Rajasthan Desert: The Arrival of the Daudputras from Sindh</i>
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13:00 - 13:30	14:00 - 14:30	Presentation 8	Dr Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh	<i>Social Sciences Research Centre, University of Galway</i>	Ireland	<i>At Once the Same and Utterly Different. Migration from the West of Ireland and the West of Scotland, 1700s to the Present</i>
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13:30 - 14:00	14:30 - 15:00	Presentation 9	Mr Emile Coetzee	<i>North-West University</i>	South Africa	<i>The South African CR Swart's social experiences as a temporary migrant in the United States of America from 1921-1922</i>
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14:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 15:30	Presentation 10	Dr Tuire Liimatainen	<i>Migration Institute of Finland</i>	Finland	<i>The role of Nordic regional identity and cooperation in Sweden-Finnish minority negotiations, 1980s-1990s</i>
Wednesday 17 September 2025						
9:15 - 11:00	10:15 - 12:00	Session VI	Session chair: Dr Rumi Umino	Tokyo Kasei Gakuin University	Japan	
9:15 - 10:00	10:15 - 11:00	Keynote address IV	Dr Zoe Groves 	<i>University of Leicester and University of the Witwatersrand</i>	UK, South Africa	<i>Migration and Diaspora Histories in Southern Africa</i>
10:00 - 10:30	11:00 - 11:30	Presentation 11	Dimple Kariya	<i>Christ University, Bangalor</i>	India	<i>The Search for Longing and Belonging – Negotiating Identity among the Lohanas in a Foreign Land</i>
10:30 - 11:00	11:30 - 12:00	Presentation 12	Dr Gift Mupambwa	<i>North-West University</i>	South Africa, Zimbabwe	<i>Housing Apartheidism, migration and socio-spatial politics of urban human settlements in South Africa</i>
11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 13:00	Coffee break				
12:00 - 13:30	13:00 - 14:30	Session VII	Session chair: Prof Tiina Kinnunen	University of Oulu	Finland	
12:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 13:30	Presentation 14	Mr Rajnish Kumar	<i>IIT Guwahati, Assam</i>	India	<i>Narratives, Migrations and Landscape: A Study of Village Tarauni, District Darbhanga</i>
12:30 - 13:00	13:30 - 14:00	Presentation 15	Ms Tasnia E Jakia	<i>University of Southern Denmark</i>	Denmark	<i>Digital Health and Migrant Equity: Navigating Access Among Bangladeshi Migrants in Denmark</i>
13:00 - 13:15	14:00 - 14:15	Report of the conference	Prof Sulevi Riukulehto	<i>University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute</i>	Finland	
13:15 - 13:30	14:15 - 14:30	Valedictory words	Prof Elize S Van Eeden	<i>North-West University</i>	South Africa	

