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Presents:

Dr. Melissa Kelly

Understanding the Contemporary Challenge of Onward Migration



When: Friday November 4, 2016

Time: 2:30- 4:00

Location: Loeb A220

(Light refreshments will be available)

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Abstract:

This research explores the trajectories of people who moved from Iran to Sweden as refugees following the Iranian Revolution in 1979, stayed in Sweden for a minimum of five years, and then subsequently moved on to London, England. Using population register data and life history interviews conducted with individual onward migrants, the study contextualizes the individual and shared experiences of the onward migrants in specific space-time contexts. In doing so, the circumstances that underlie the onward migration phenomenon are explored; the analysis draws attention to different geographical levels of scale and links social, economic and cultural perspectives. The study provides an alternative view on the relationship between migration, transnationalism and integration.

Bio:

Melissa Kelly earned a PhD in Human Geography from Uppsala University in 2013. In 2014 she received a Free Standing Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Research Foundation of South Africa which allowed her to conduct research on space, place and belonging in the Narrative Study of Lives Programme at the University of Bloemfontein. Currently she is the Borders in Globalization Postdoctoral Fellow at Carleton University. She has published articles and book chapters on migration, citizenship and identity in the European, African and North American contexts.

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