



SFM

Swiss Forum for Migration
and Population Studies



The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a research and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel. As part of the department of Humanities and Social Sciences the institute offers a master's degree with a unique specialization in "Migration and Citizenship."

The SFM was founded in 1995 at the start of a national research programme on migration and intercultural relations. From the beginning the institute's declared aim has been to make a pragmatic contribution to discussions of topics relevant to migration. The institute has completed more than 300 studies, most financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) or mandated by various institutions or organizations (federal, cantonal, communal or private organizations). The SFM fosters interdisciplinary research on the circulation of people, goods and knowledge. It is affiliated to the Centre for the Understanding of Social Processes of the University of Neuchâtel (MAPS) and is a partner of the Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights (SCHR).



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Special Areas and Services

The SFM employs an international and multidisciplinary research team with experts from a variety of fields

Expertise

- Participation and Integration
- Refugees and Asylum
- Migration and Development
- Discrimination and Racism
- Demographic Analyses

Services

Research

- National Research Programmes SNSF
- Participation in International Research
- Research Mandates
- Expert Reports and Evaluations

Tuition

- Master's degree «Migration and Citizenship»
- Advanced Training
- Colloquia and Seminars

Publications

- SFM Studies Series
- «Social Cohesion and Cultural Pluralism» Series (Seismo Books)
- Revue Forum

Documentation Centre

The SFM maintains a documentation centre specialized in topics relevant to migration issues. This collection is unique in Switzerland.

Partners

The SFM directs international research projects and represents Switzerland in various European research networks. Since 2004 the institute has been the Swiss representative in the European research network IMISCOE (imiscoe.org), which coordinates the migration research of 36 world-class institutions. As of 2014 the SFM director has also acted as coordinator for the National Center of Competence in Research nccr – on the move (nccr-onthemove.ch), a network of research teams from seven Swiss universities.

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