The University of Windsor’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology, in collaboration with University of Trento’s Department of Sociology and Social Research, will sponsor a weeklong Migration, Mobility and Borders Summer Institute at the University of Trento. The Summer Institute is a knowledge-sharing, comparative event to be held during the week of August 25- September 1st, 2018 at the Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale of the Università degli Studi di Trento, Italy.

The Institute will bring together 7 graduate students from Canada and 7 from Europe with as many as 8 internationally-recognized scholars and local NGO leaders to discuss migration, borders and mobility in a comparative context. Among invited guest speakers, there will be Tanya Basok, Paolo Boccagni and Peter Kivisto.

A foundational objective of this Institute is to encourage graduate students to develop a comparative perspective in research about migration, borders and mobility to overcome methodological nationalism. Other specific objectives of the summer institute are to: (1) provide graduate students an intensive international learning experience; (2) provide students and scholars alike an opportunity to establish international research networks in the field of migration and border communities.

Teaching methods will be based on lectures, as well as on interactive formats such as workshops and roundtables. Participants will have a chance to present their current research projects, receive feedback and recommendations from the guest professors. There will be five extended lectures by established international scholars. Presentation of case studies and on-going research will occupy a large share of the allotted time.

The Summer Institute is part of the ongoing collaboration between the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology at the University of Windsor and the Department of Sociology at the University of Trento. The research is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada through a Connections Grant. It enjoys also the generous support of the University of Windsor’s VP of Research and Innovation, the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Departments of SAC and History at Windsor and, in Trento, the Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale.

Where: Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale, Università di Trento, via Verdi 26, 38122 Trento, Italy

When: August 25th- September 1st.

How to apply: The Migration, Mobility and Borders Summer Institute is expected to include 14 PhD students and postdocs across the social sciences. Additional participants and MA students may be accepted upon evaluation of their dossier. Fellowships covering travel and accommodation costs are available for qualified applicants. To apply please submit your CV, a 500-word bionote (to be shared with other participants), a motivation letter and a short essay/research project (no more than 2,000 words long, including empirical contexts, focus and research questions) to migration.institute@uwindsor.ca

Registration deadline: June 15. Accepted candidates will be notified by June 30.

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