



**Autumn Workshop:
Alliance of Leading Universities on Migration
Bringing Together Research & Practice**

2-4 November 2016, University of Mannheim

The Alliance of Leading Universities on Migration (ALUM) brings together academics from renowned international universities to work together to promote research on issues of migration, and facilitate contacts between academics and policymakers working on migration. The network aims to connect academics in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and provide relevant knowledge and insights to political and civil society actors with regard to the following themes:

- 1) Understanding push and pull factors of migration flows;
- 2) Assessing the impact of emigration on origin countries;
- 3) Evaluating immigrant integration policies in host countries;
- 4) Assessing national and transnational challenges and coping strategies for migration and pathways towards a fairer allocation mechanism for refugees.

Building on the success of ALUM's research conference in Siracusa in April 2016, the Mannheim workshop strives to offer a format appealing to both migration researchers and practitioners. It draws on recent research insights and seeks to build bridges between academia and migration experts from the public sector and civil society organisations. The workshop will also explore possibilities for extending the ALUM network and initiating joint projects.

Program:

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

18:30 Arrival of participants
Welcome reception (Restaurant "C-Five" Mannheim)

Thursday 3rd November 2016

9:00 - 9:30 *Welcome address:* Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig von Thadden, President of the University of Mannheim

9:30 – 10:30 *Morning Keynote:* Kilian Kleinschmidt, Founder & Chairman of Innovation and Planning Agency, former Head of Sub Office Mafraq - Camp Manager Za'atari and Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator UNHCR

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:00 Julia Karmo (Migration Matters): Introducing Migration Matters

11:00 – 12:00 Session 1: Integrating migrants - A civil society perspective

Chair: Piroska Nagy Mohacsi (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Anca Oprisor (Hertie School of Governance): Refugee perceptions of service delivered by NGOs and the government.

Tatjana Briamonte-Geiser (ekma & kathma): Practical experience from the civil society side

12:00 – 13:00 Session 2: Managing migration - Challenges for public administration and the labor market

Chair: Erik Berglof (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Manfred Beuchert (Leitender Polizeidirektor / Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe): Flüchtlinge – die Herausforderung für die öffentlichen Verwaltungen / Refugees – challenges for public administrations.

Biagio Speciale (Paris School of Economics Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): The effect of language training on immigrants' economic integration: empirical evidence from France

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 *Mid-day Keynote:* Christian Dustman (University College London): The Economics and Politics of Refugee Migration

15:00 – 16:00 Session 3: Integrating Migrants - What works? (or does it work at all?)

Chair: Irena Kogan (University of Mannheim)

Claus Preißler (Mannheim City Council; Commissioner for Integration and Migration): Orientation, participation, affiliation - integration takes place on the local level.

Frank Kalter (University of Mannheim): The structural, social, and cultural integration of immigrant children.

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:15 *Afternoon Keynote:* Dr. Axel Kreienbrink, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF): Migration Research: a Perspective from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

19:30 Conference Dinner (Restaurant “C-Five” Mannheim)

Friday 4th November 2016

9:00 – 10:00 Session 1: Managing migration - The transnational dimension

Chair: Piroska Nagy Mohacsi (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Brad Blitz (Middlesex University): Developing a Global Compact for Refugees: Towards a fairer allocation mechanism for refugees.

Marco Borraccetti (University of Bologna): Trafficking in human beings, EU citizens and the EU legal framework

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:15 Session 2: Understanding the role of host country populations

Chair: Lilli Banholzer (University of Mannheim)

Guido Ropers (University of Mannheim): Natives' backlash against asylum seekers

Carlo Devillanova (Università Bocconi): Immigrants and legal status: Do personal contacts matter?

11:15 – 12:15 Session 3: Tackling migration outside Europe

Chair: Irena Kogan (University of Mannheim)

Alexander Kocks & Ruben Wedel (German Institute for Development Evaluation, DEval):
Dealing with conflict driven refugee crises – a missing link between humanitarian and
development aid

Nasser Yassin (American University of Beirut): Coping with the impact of the refugee crisis in
Lebanon.

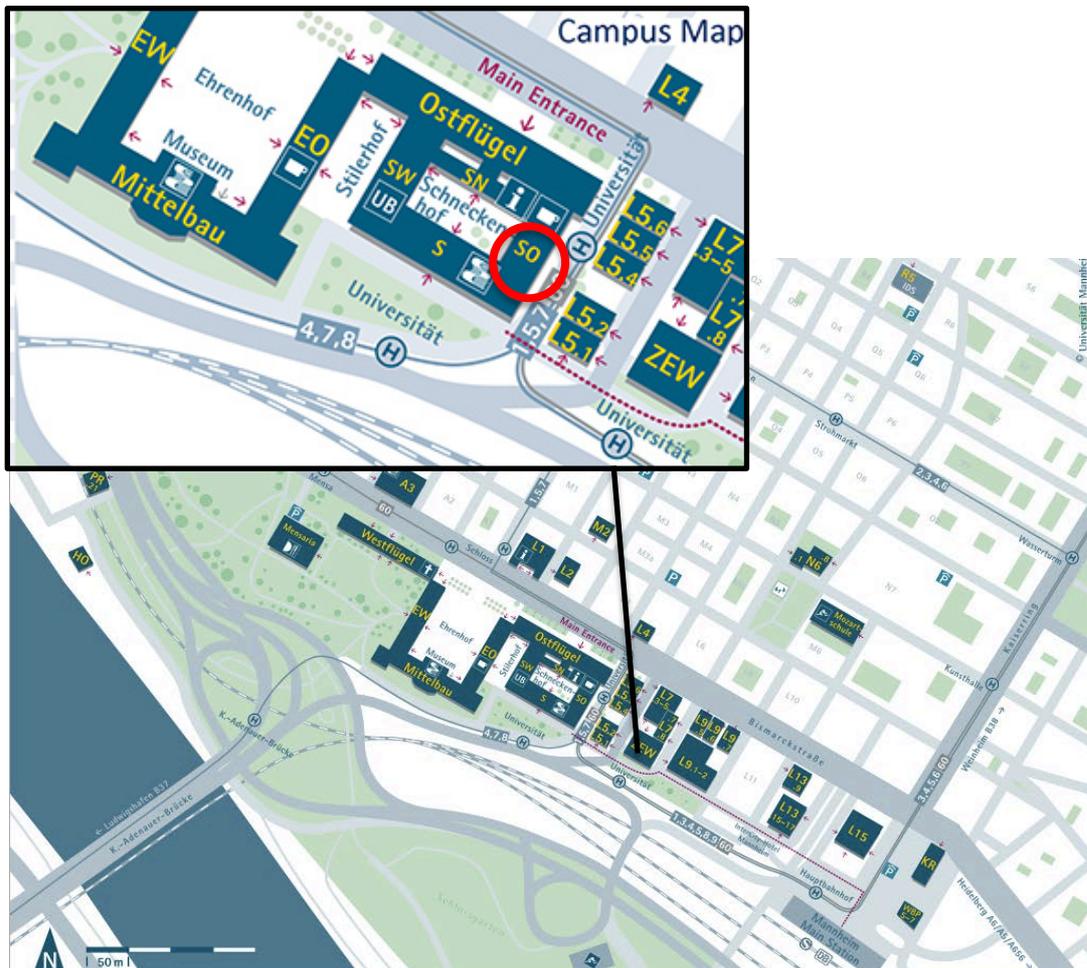
12:15 – 13:00 Session 4 – Discussion of joint projects, concrete next steps

Funding opportunities: Horizon2020
Planned or ongoing projects
Introducing the AUB4Refugees Initiative (Nasser Yassin)
ALUM Structures / new members

13:00-14:00 Late Lunch

End of workshop

Location: The **workshop** takes place at campus of the University of Mannheim (castle /
Schloss Mannheim) in the rooms SO 418 and SO 422. If you enter the castle at the main
entrance, watch out for the signs and follow them.



How to get to the Uni Mannheim? Note that it is walking distance from the train station and also from most of the hotels in the city center.

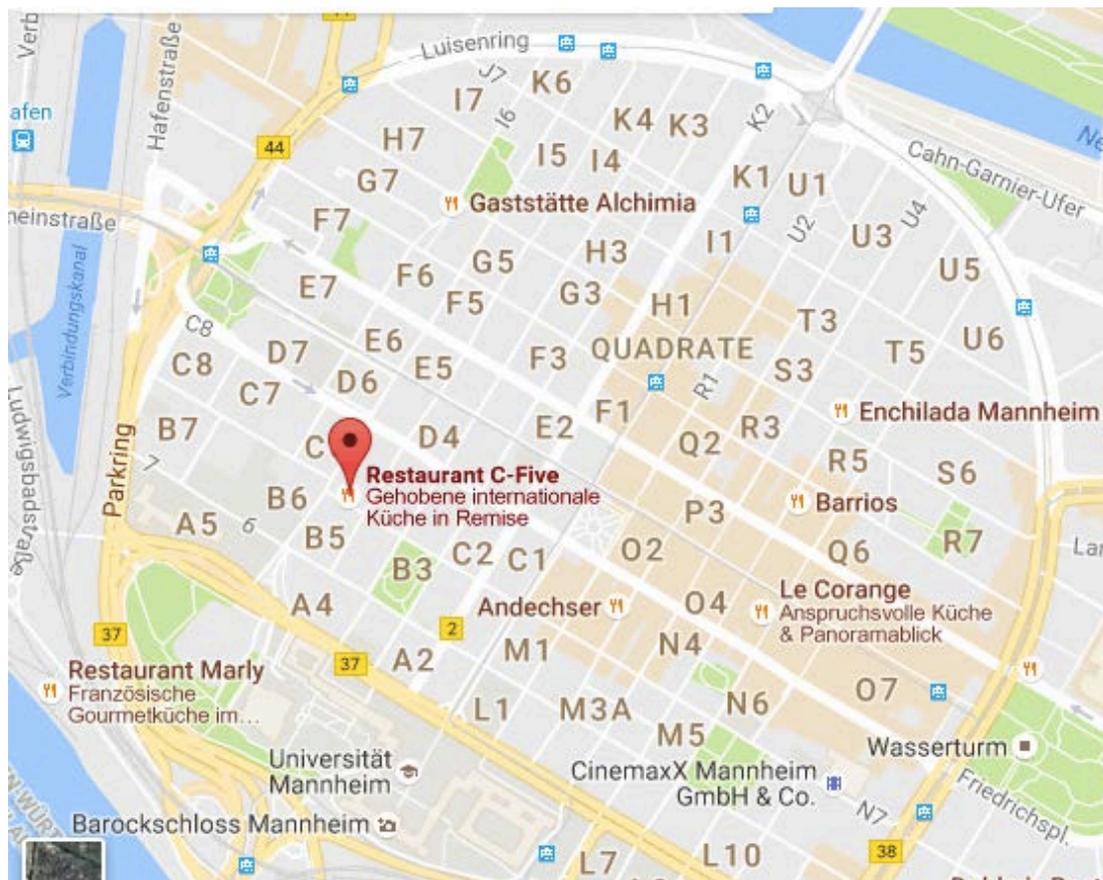
By bus or train

Mannheim's main station is in close reach of the University of Mannheim and enables access to ICE trains. The trams number 1,3,4 and 5 take you to the university where you can either get out at the stop "Schloss" or "University". For a timetable check this website: <https://www.vrn.de>

By foot

The university is a 10 minute walk from the main station: Leave the main station in direction of the town centre. Cross the tram lines and turn left. Follow the road straight on for about 300m passing a car park on the way, continue to the end of the road. Here you will come across a creme-coloured house with blue window-frames. Turn right in front of this house and go straight on until you get to a multi-lane road, the Bismarckstraße. Taking a left turn and walking past two blocks of houses at the Bismarckstraße you will reach the university directly. The main entrance is situated in the east wing in front of you.

The **reception** and the **conference dinner** both take place at the Restaurant "[C-Five](http://www.c-five.de/de/)" in down-town Mannheim (C5, 1) → <http://www.c-five.de/de/>



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