

THE SFM

The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a research as well as a teaching and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel. With its orientation course on "Migration and Citizenship" the institute offers an innovative training course, unique in Switzerland, as part of the Master's Degree in Social and Human Sciences.

The SFM is associated with the Centre for the Understanding of Social Processes (MAPS) at the University of Neuchâtel. The SFM thus contributes to the advancement of interdisciplinary research dealing with circulation of people, capital and knowledge.

The SFM was created in 1995, at the start of a national research program into migration and inter-cultural relations, with the aim of contributing to a pragmatic discussion on migration issues. Since then, the institute has carried out more than 200 studies financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation FNS or mandated by various federal, cantonal, communal, and private organizations.

EXPERTISE AND SERVICES

The SFM offers its knowledge and services in the area of migration studies and demographic analysis.

Areas of expertise

- Integration
- Asylum and refugees
- Migratory movements
- Racism and discrimination
- Demography

Services

Research

- FNS research
- Mandated research
- Expert opinion and evaluations

Teaching and Training

- Orientation course on "Migration and Citizenship"
- Continuing education
- Organization of training courses, symposia and seminars

Publications

- Collection "SFM Studies"
- Collection "Social Cohesion and Cultural Pluralism" (Editions Seismo)

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DOCUMENTATION CENTER

The institute is open to the wider public through its documentation center, specialized in migration issues. This center is the main resource point for research on migration topics in Switzerland.

PARTNERSHIPS

The SFM leads or collaborates with several international research projects as the Swiss partner and is connected to various European research networks. Since 2004, the SFM has been the Swiss partner of the IMISCOE Network of Excellence (www.imiscoe.org), which brings together more than 20 prominent European research institutes dealing with migration issues.

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