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Kurzbeschreibung:

From Kalervo Oberg's *Cultural Shock* hypothesis onwards, adjustment to a new culture have often been problematized – even pathologized. Early theories on migration asserted the assimilation of immigrants into the host society as a *natural course of acculturation*, while contemporary research has a more integrationist focus. Today, Migration is seen as one the most significant means of blurring the boundaries and transgressing the borders. With the growth of global interconnections of individuals and society, the diffusion, and extension of social, economic, cultural or political processes beyond the borders of the nation state have become inevitable. Transmigrants, or mobile subjects, create and maintain those aforementioned links in different societies.

In this seminar, we will explore different perspectives on migration and transmigration in Social Anthropology, Cultural Research and Psychology. Different theoretical angles will be discussed from transdisciplinary/interdisciplinary perspectives. The main assumptions of contemporary psychological anthropology on migration will be at the center of the discussions of this seminar.

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