



DEAR COLLEAGUES!

We invite you to participate in the interdisciplinary Methodological seminar of the Department of Social Anthropology of the Institute of Ethnology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe: **“Migration theories in the context of contemporary human mobility and new migration challenges: International students and asylum seekers in Germany”**.

The report will be made by **Dr. Mustafa Aksakal**, senior researcher at the Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University (Germany), an expert on migration issues and trans-nationalism. Dr. Aksakal carries out comparative studies of transnational migration on the Eurasian (between Asian countries and the EU) and American (the world’s largest migration corridor Mexico – US) continents. He is also teaching in the disciplines of migration, education and development at Bielefeld University.

New mass migration: immigration of foreign students and asylum seekers in Germany, is the main topic of the report.

There are a range theoretical approaches that explain the root causes, processes and consequences of international migration in very different ways. Most of these approaches are characterised by economic viewpoints that labor migration as the most dominant form of human mobility. However, in recent years, changes happen in the flows of international migrants, the most numerous being refugees from regions of conflict, particularly young people, seeking to gain European education and find suitable conditions for self-realization. These changes also apply to Ukraine as one of the largest donor countries and transit country for international migrants.

Dr. Mustafa Aksakal will analyse central empirical trends in recent years regarding immigration of foreign students and asylum seekers in Germany, compare them with selected theoretical viewpoints on migration and present arguments on whether the existing economic theories can explain the new migratory flows. The report will suggest alternative methodological approaches in the study of modern human mobility.

The report will be in English with simultaneous interpreting into Ukrainian.

The methodological seminar will be held on **September 29, 2016**, at **16.00** at the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe (6, Bohomoltsya steet).

Free entrance.