European countries have witnessed increasing immigration streams and ethnic diversity over the past decades. Recent social science research reports considerable heterogeneity in family forms, employment and housing patterns among individuals with migration family background as well as across migrant generations. Some researchers underline the importance of preferences and human capital, whereas others emphasise the role of structural inequalities. It is equally unclear whether the observed differences are short-term outcomes in a long-term process of cultural and economic integration or rather reflections of different pathways and outcomes for immigrants and their descendants.

This international symposium brings together migration researchers to discuss innovative research on migrants and their descendants. The keynote speaker is Professor Helga de Valk from the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI).

We invite contributions in the following research areas of migration studies: fertility and family; employment and education; housing and place of residence. Research using longitudinal data and life course analysis will be given priority. Future projections and methodological contributions are welcome. The symposium is part of the ERC funded MigrantLife project (please see https://migrantlife.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/).

To submit a paper for the symposium, please send an abstract (max 250 words) to Susan Watson at scw23@st-andrews.ac.uk by 14th February 2022. Slots for presentations are limited and authors will be informed by the 21st February as to whether their paper has been accepted.

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