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

Submission guidelines:

To submit a paper for the symposium, please send an abstract (max 250 words) to Susan Watson at scw23@st-andrews.ac.uk by 15th March 2023. Slots for presentations are limited and authors will be informed by the 31st March as to whether their paper has been accepted.

PhD students are encouraged to also submit an extended abstract (max 5 pages) or a full paper (max 20 pages). Travel and accommodation costs of the best PhD papers will be covered by the organisers.

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