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January 19-20, 2018

University of Southern California
Musick Law Building, Room 433

Between Precarity and Trust: the Experience of Mobility across Time

Abstracts and information about this research program:
https://uscparis8mobility.wordpress.com/events/

This event is open to the public.

Location: USC, University Park Campus. Directions and information for parking at McCarthy Way Structure:
visit.usc.edu/maps-directions/university-campus

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Co-sponsored by USC Center for Law, History and Culture, USC Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, USC Dornsife Department of Classics, Université Paris 8.
January 19
8:15 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Introduction: **Claudia Moatti** (Université de Paris 8 and USC)

**Papers are twenty-five minutes long followed by discussion**

1. The Organization of Mobility: Networks, Guilds, Documents of Identity
   Session Chair: **Christelle Fischer-Bovet** (USC)

9:30 am - Cédric Brélaz (Université de Fribourg): Deviating Soldiers: Officials on the Move and Local Communities at Risk in the Roman East

10:15 am - **Adam Kosto** (Columbia University): Safety “Coming and Going” in the Middle Ages

Pause: 11:00-11:15

11:15 am - Juliette Bourdin (Université de Paris 8):
The Mechanisms of Trust: the Emigrants’ Response to the Dangers of the Overland Trails to Oregon and California in the 1840s

12:00 pm - General discussion

12:30 pm - LUNCH

2. Mobility and Law
   Session Chair: **Ariela Gross** (USC, Gould School of Law)

2:00 pm - Emmanuelle Chevreau (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas):
Contractual Clauses Facilitating the Mobility of People and Goods in the Roman Empire

2:45 pm - **Rowan Dorin** (Stanford University): Migrant, Moneylenders and the Threat of Expulsion in Medieval Europe

Pause: 3:30 - 3:45

3:45 pm - Evelyne Oliel-Grausz (Université Paris 1-IHMC/ ConfigMed ERC/ Centre de recherches français à Jérusalem): Being a Foreigner at Court: Jews in Livorno, Mobility and Litigation in the 18th Century


5:15-5:45: Discussion

January 20
8:45 am - Breakfast

3. Mobility, knowledge and representations
   Session Chair: **Tom Habinck** (USC)

9:30 am - **Susan Lape** (USC): Female Immigrants in New Comedy: Precarity and Accommodation

10:15 am - Jennifer Devereaux (USC):
From Vulnerability to Collectivity in the Ancient World

Pause: 11:00 - 11:15

11:15 am - Jessica Goldberg (UCLA): Becoming a Local: Migration and Identity in the Medieval Islamic World

12:00 pm - General discussion

12:30 pm - LUNCH

Session Chair: **Roger Waldinger** (UCLA)

2:00 pm - Chiara Galli (UCLA): Converting Human Suffering into Humanitarian Capital: Legal Brokerage between the State and Vulnerable Immigrants

2:45 pm - Emily Ryo (USC, Gould School of Law):
Fostering Legal Cynicism in Immigration Detention

Pause: 3:30 - 3:45

3:45 pm - Nayan Shah (USC):
Precarious Materiality and Visual Exhibition of Refugees

4:30 - 5:30 pm - General discussion

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This conference is a special event of the USC-Paris 8 Life in Mobility program, whose goal is to catalyze a shift in the field of mobility studies by emphasizing the experience of mobility, rather than its causes or its control. The first question we have chosen to explore is Precarity and insecurity at departure points, on roads and seas, and at destinations. Our approach, transdisciplinary and multi-period in scope, is to analyze first, the elements of insecurity and precarity, and the process by which persons become precarious both within a given physical space and in the spaces in between; second, the responses to insecurity, both immediate and structural; third, the representations of this insecurity and its expression.