

# MULTIPLE MIGRATIONS – STUDYING PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL MOBILITIES

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# ICT as a research topic and as a methodological tool

- Who are multiple migrants?
- Onward migration, return phase; various geographies and temporalities
- **Multimig**: Study of Polish emigrants, who lived in two or more countries outside of Poland
- Providing **new theorisations** of multiple migrations as an overlooked form of migration
- **New research methods** to trace movement (quant&qual)



# ICT as a research topic

- Mapping mobilities: **physical, virtual, imaginative** (Urry 2000)
- How do people **choose** some places over others?
- Settlement and '**travelling-in-dwelling**' (Clarke 2005)
  - Transnational **connections** with significant others
  - **Comparative expertise** (Favell 2008), mobility is linked with sociality (Tsujimoto 2016)



# ICT & research methods I

## Web-based Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS)

-> Q:Types & patterns of multiple migrations

- Online survey using RDS
- **Well-networked** (virtually) population
- Respondents recruit within their networks (**anonymity!**)
- Incentives for participation & recruitment (**sent virtually**)
- Reaching geographically dispersed population - **multi-sited research**, relatively **low cost**, relative **ease**



# ICT & research methods II

## Qualitative Panel Study online

-> Q: How decisions about movement/settlement are made?

- Panel: snapshot vs movie perspective
- Going online: qualitative panel study of migrants tracks people in **time & space**
- To what extent ICT is part of people's lives? Reading **everyday practices**
- ICT as **a tool** to identify interviewees, connect, carry out research, stay in touch in between waves, communicate research results...



# Lessons learnt and next steps

- Huge **potential** of online research
- Relative ease has its **disadvantages**
- From theory-driven to **data-driven** research
- Towards research on digital traces left by migrants
  - **Trends** in international migration (Yahoo, Twitter, LinkedIn)
  - Data quality, biases, **ethics**

