

Aims and objectives

Life courses have undergone profound changes in recent decades. Transitions across the life cycle have become a matter of public and political discourse, social welfare policies and the subject of a growing body of research. Transition research now spans over various fields, including childhood, youth, and aging studies as well as family, employment or gender studies. It encompasses diverse disciplines such as anthropology, educational sciences, demography, economics, psychology, public policy, sociology and social work. This broad range of perspectives calls for reflexivity regarding the implications and consequences of studying transitions.

Transitions are situated. The perspective of Doing Transitions implies not only asking what transitions are and what they mean in individual life trajectories but also how they emerge and are constituted. This applies also to transition research which itself is a situated practice with particular conditions of scientific knowledge production and drawing on taken-for-granted assumptions in epistemic practices. Doing Transitions, therefore, aims to account for disciplinary, geographical, historical, theoretical, methodological and other dimensions of situatedness.

The conference is the final event of the research training group "Doing Transitions," which has contributed to empirical investigation and theoretical reflection on life course transitions since its beginning in 2017. We invite you to take a retrospective as well as forward-looking perspective to jointly craft a common 'legacy'. We want to bundle the vast empirical insights that have been gained from a Doing Transitions approach, discuss them with other transition researchers, and reflect on theoretical and methodological implications.

General information

Conference Venues:

University of Tübingen, Germany

Institute of Education

Alte Aula, Festsaal
Münzgasse 30
72074 Tübingen

Institute of Musicology

Pflegghofsaal
Schulberg 2
72070 Tübingen

For indications how to reach the venue's

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/universitaet/standort-und-anfahrt/lageplaene/karte-d-altstadt/>

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Registration:

For attendance, please register until

September 21st, 2025 under

<https://doingtransitions.org/event/international-conference-situating-transitions>

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Collaborative DFG-funded Research Training Group
on Forms of the Formation of Transitions in the Life
Course

International Conference

Doing Transitions Situating Transitions: New Horizons in Research of Life Course Transitions

University of Tübingen
6–8 October 2025

Program

Monday, October 6

Welcome and Introduction

14:00 Opening

Samuel Wagner, Vice President, *University of Tübingen*

14:15 Introduction

Barbara Stauber, *University of Tübingen*

Andreas Walther, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

Keynote 1

14:30 **Becoming a Man When There Are No Jobs: Migrant Youth in India**

Raka Ray, *University of California, Berkeley*

15:30 Coffee Break

Panel Session I

16:00- Panel 1: Gendering Transitions I

18:00 Panel 2: Education and Learning in Transitions

Panel 3: Liminality in Transitions

Evening Program

19:00 Theatre Play "Liminality"

At the Borders Between Science and Art: Theater Spotlights on Neglected Relations in the History of Social Sciences

Tuesday, October 7

Keynote 2

09:00 **Temporal Regimes in the Life Course: Five Instances**

Felipe Torres, *University of Santiago de Chile*

10:00 Coffee Break

Panel Session II

10:30 Panel 4: Gendering Transitions II

Panel 5: Work Life Transitions I

Panel 6: Relational Transitions

12:30 Lunch Break

Panel Session III

14:00 Panel 7: Work Life Transitions II

Panel 8: Inequalities in Transitions

Panel 9: Family Transitions

16:00 Coffee Break

Keynote 3

16:30- **Transitions in Practice: Time, Space and Materiality**

17:30 Elizabeth Shove, *Lancaster University*

Evening Program

19:00 **Conference dinner**

(upon prior registration or invitation)

Liquid Kelter, Schmiedtorstraße 17, Tübingen

Wednesday, October 8

Panel Session IV

09:00 Panel 10: Bodies and Transitions

Panel 11: Violence in Transitions

Panel 12: Transitions in Professionalization

11:00 Coffee Break

Keynote 4

11:30 **Situating Doing Transitions: Developments, Insights, and Open Questions**

Maria Keil, *University of Tübingen*

Kevin Stützel, *Goethe University Frankfurt*

Panel Discussion: Situating Transition Research – Insights, Pitfalls, Challenges

12:30 With: Maria Keil, Elizabeth Shove, Kevin Stützel, and Felipe Torres

Chair: Rick A. Settersten Jr., *Oregon State University*

13:30 End of the Conference

You will find the extended program, including details on presentations, chairs, and venues, under:

<https://doingtransitions.org/event/international-conference-situating-transitions>

