



# Making Home, Doing Belonging: Mobilities and Immobilities in Experience, Theory and Policy

A Symposium - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - UCLan, Preston - 9.15 am – 7pm

**Keynote speakers: Paolo Boccagni (Trento, Italy), Les Back (Goldsmiths College, London)  
& Rebecca Joy Novell (Refugee Community Development Officer, Lancashire County Council)**

The observation that '[b]elonging like home entails personally significant and emotional connections between people and places' (Kusenbach and Paulsen 2013:6) has enduring salience yet has taken on novel forms and higher political stakes. Irreducible to having a roof over one's head or identity/citizenship, both terms have, in theory, been de-coupled from notions of naturalised origin or essentialised being. Yet, in the current political context, they tend to be mobilised in all too static and fixed forms producing fearful (b)ordering relations and immobilised lives rather than positive critical values of security, familiarity, connectedness and control (Yuval-Davis, Wemyss and Cassidy 2018; Back, Sinha with Bryan 2012; Brun 2015, 2017). It can indeed be argued that '... the resources available for individuals to appoint a place as home and the mobility infrastructures accessible to them, are distributed in deeply unequal ways along several axes; they are a major factor of social stratification at a global level' (Boccagni 2017: 16). The same might be said of belonging. This event therefore seeks to explore how mobilities and immobilities in home and belonging *have, do, and could*, relate and intersect in experience, theory, policy, and how our research can more effectively apprehend, represent and intervene in, their possibilities.

MIDEX, in collaboration with HOMInG, therefore invite researchers, policy makers and interested individuals to hear the key notes, join in this discussion, and contribute their knowledge and experience to foster further theoretical development of these terms with concern to recognise their importance and consequence to individuals and the future of shared lives.

**Call for Papers: Themes to be addressed may include, but not be limited to:**

- *Adaptations, negotiations, relations in the making of home*
- *Being, Becoming, Belonging*
- *Birth, Life, Death: Bodies*
- *(Im)Mobilisations of 'home' in relation to policy - integration, cohesion*
- *Linguistic (Im)Mobilities*
- *(Im)Mobilities and wellbeing*
- *Different and intersecting types of movement (physical, existential, social)*
- *(Im)mobilities and livelihoods*

Discussions are currently underway for production of a special issue of an International journal. Should accepted contributors wish to contribute a completed paper, these will need to be submitted by **31 July 2020**.

**Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words, including full title and full contact details to:**

[Home-Belonging@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:Home-Belonging@uclan.ac.uk)

**by**

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**Confirmation of accepted papers:  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

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