

## DeZIM Workshop Series

### Call for Participation: “Collective Memory, Social Identity, and Honor Concerns of Migrants from Turkey to Germany”

**October 28–29, 2025 at Bielefeld University, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence (IKG), Germany**

We warmly invite PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and senior scholars from across the social and human sciences to join us for a **two-day workshop** exploring the cultural logic of *honor*, memory, and identity in the migration experience from Turkey to Germany.

**Why participate?** This workshop offers a unique opportunity to rethink the concept of honor—beyond the narrow focus on “honor crimes”—as a deeply rooted cultural framework that shapes everyday life, social relations, and belonging, particularly in Mediterranean societies. Together, we will develop new methodological approaches to explore how notions of honor are embedded in material culture, archives, and personal heritage.

**Working with the DOMiD Archive:** Ahead of the workshop, we will engage with archival materials from DOMiD – the Documentation Centre and Museum of Migration in Germany. Since the 1990s, DOMiD has collected a wide array of artifacts documenting the lived experiences of migrants. These materials, including letters, photographs, personal documents, and family heirlooms – some of them dating back until the 1960s, will serve as a rich basis for our inquiry into how the concept of honor is reflected in everyday life. This archival engagement will provide an empirical foundation for our discussions and help participants explore new methods for analyzing cultural memory and identity.

#### What to expect:

- Hands-on sessions and collaborative discussions
- Training in methods for analyzing large cultural datasets, including museum collections
- A space to explore the intersection of migration, memory, honor, and identity
- Cross-disciplinary dialogue with scholars from fields such as sociology, anthropology, history, psychology, cultural and museum studies

#### Key themes include (but are not limited to):

- Migration and transnational memory
- Cultural logic of honor
- Archives and museum collections
- Big data and AI-supported research
- Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-method approaches

## Speakers

**Tuba Bircan:** Associate professor at the Department of Sociology at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium, where she leads the AI, Migration and Society (AIMS) Lab. She also serves as a senior quantitative social scientist at Wellcome Connecting Science (WCS) and the Kavli Centre for Ethics, Science, and the Public, a joint initiative of WCS and Cambridge University.

**Bruno Sartini:** *Akademischer Rat* for the Institute for Digital Cultural Heritage Studies at the LMU, University of Munich. He holds a PhD in Digital Humanities and Semantic Web Technology obtained at the University of Bologna. His research revolves around the combination of linked open data and large language models to improve cultural digital collections. In particular, he is interested in making artistic interpretations machine-readable via a combination of ontology engineering, knowledge representation and information science.

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## Practical Information

- **No participation fee**
- Please note: Travel and accommodation costs cannot be covered
- Workshop dates: **October 28–29, 2025**
- Venue: **Bielefeld University, Germany**
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**How to apply:** Submit a short statement of interest (max. 250 words) outlining your relevant experience, expertise, or motivation to participate by **September 1, 2025**.

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We look forward to your contributions and to engaging conversations that will deepen our understanding of honor cultures, identity, and inclusion in migration contexts.

Join us in Bielefeld for this inspiring and enriching workshop!