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Brown Bag Lecture \

**Protection on the move. Transnational social protection
trajectories of African migrants in Mexico**

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15.00 hrs – 16.00 hrs

Online via Zoom

This presentation is based on the findings of a research project on the trajectories of social protection of African migrants in Mexico, a new migrant group that has emerged in the past years as a result of a combination of global processes. Migration is a social-protection strategy for individuals and families throughout the globe. At the same time, however, increasingly restrictive migration policies are pushing many migrants to seek new and more risky migration routes. In the past decades, migration and social protection have taken new forms and consequently different relations between the State and society. Many studies have investigated aspects of social protection for migrants from the Global South in industrialized countries of the Global North, with powerful welfare-states. Yet, such focus on origin and destination countries has failed to understand the complexities *during* the migration process, where people often spend uncertain periods of time in transit countries, frequently affected by violence, socio-economic crises, and a volatile formal social-protection system. This research aims to advance our understanding on how mobile populations organise their social protection *during* their migration trajectories beyond sending and receiving states. In this presentation we question the “benefits” of some transnational practices when there is a lack of involvement of the state, and we also point out to some methodological issues of conducting ethnography with highly mobile populations in times of COVID.

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