

“Voices on the Move: Cultural Practices and Popular Culture in Everyday Lives of Migrant Girls”

Paying attention to the rising migration to Germany, this project focuses on everyday lives of migrant girls in Berlin and Potsdam and it examines their cultural practices and relations/interactions with popular culture. Asking how they engage with popular culture and how it corresponds to their interests/needs, this research aims to investigate popular culture's role for migrant girls, studying how it influences the development of their sense of belonging and contributes to the construction of their ethnic and gender identities. Supported by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK), the project will be conducted between March-August 2025 at Humboldt University of Berlin (HU) Center for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies (ZtG) in cooperation with HU Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration and Migration Research (BIM) under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Gökçe Yurdakul. Based on qualitative research and feminist methodology, it will draw on ethnographic and practice-based participatory methods including participant observations, semi-structured in-depth interviews, and two digital storytelling workshops and a screening-forum event will be organized. As an interdisciplinary research, the conceptual framework is based on popular culture, girlhood and migration studies. This research promises to fill an important gap in the literature by amplifying migrant girls' voices and exploring how they create spaces for themselves during resettlement. It also promises to fill an important gap in the developing field of Girlhood Studies.