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**Crossing Borders and Being on the Move.**

**Student Mobility, Diversity and Inequality**

Europe faces multiple mobilities of students from Erasmus students to an increasing number of refugees. Multifaceted student mobilities contribute and challenge Diversity within the University. This includes an increasing number of students from African countries. The paper focuses on case studies from 40 international postgraduate programs from Germany and shows the diversity of mobile postgraduate students from coming from privileged economic backgrounds to living a refugee student life. Student mobilities are deeply intersectional and diverse. They include concepts of social and as well as spatial mobility and mark crucial biographical turning points and at the same time challenge the Higher Education systems in respect of diversity, global social inequalities and racism. The paper focuses on a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) funded study on transnational career pathways of mobile students from Africa, Asia and Latin America.