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Migration und Mobilität im Spiegel von Familiennamen der Schweiz

The lecture is divided into two parts: the first part will outline the structure and methods of the project «*Familiennamenatlas der Deutschschweiz. Mit Ausblicken auf die romanischen Sprachgebiete*» and present selected case studies from the project. It focuses on traces of migration in Swiss surnames from the two oldest data layers of the *Familiennamenbuch der Schweiz* ('before 1800' and '19th century'). These reveal, above all, patterns of mobility within Switzerland.

The second part of the lecture examines patterns of mobility from the 20th to the 21st century using surnames from Turkey in Switzerland. The focus is on how different phases of migration are reflected in onomastic data and how integration processes manifest themselves at the graphemic level.

Please register via KSL by Tuesday, 26 May (root number: 520725)

This is a CSLS Guest Lecture, MA and PhD students will receive 0.25 ECTS for attendance.