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Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris

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International conference for Young Academics

Race, Class, Gender as categories of difference and inequality: Which perspectives arise from the concept of 'intersectionality' for human and cultural sciences?

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The recent paradigm of 'intersectionality' reissues struggles about 'identity,' 'subjectivity,' 'experience' and 'agency,' as well as the structures of social inequalities that pervade theoretical and methodological discussions in the *sciences humaines et sociales* and beyond. The 'intersectionality' metaphor anticipates a multi-dimensional perspective. It aims at analysing, as capacious as possible, the positioning of subjects/persons and their courses of action in historical contexts, i.e. within a heterogeneous, but by no means arbitrary field of discourses, institutions and social practices.

Due to their multi-perspectivity, intersectional approaches have to be seen as parts of a current shift of emphasis within cultural sciences and the humanities which is significantly related to ongoing reflections on processes of globalization and the “spatial turn”. This scientific orientation can be characterized by its attempt to explore multiple forms of crossings, blurrings, and transgressings of ‘borders’ and ‘spaces,’ as prevalent concepts like ‘transculturality’ and ‘transnationality’ demonstrate. In this sense, intersectionality studies share certain similarities with the “histoire croisée,” which was initiated as a heuristic device by Bénédicte Zimmerman and Michael Werner. According to the “histoire croisée,” no object in history exists as an isolated entity, or independent of interrelations with other phenomena. Thereby, we deal with a processual activity which constantly produces new interrelations between already interrelated objects. What needs to be distinguished in this heuristic perspective is, on the one hand, the interrelations of different perspectives that guide the views on the interrelated objects, and, on the other hand, the interrelations of analytic practices performed by researchers. While the “histoire croisée” focuses on diachronic ‘space-time’-structures, intersectional approaches seem to emphasize synchronous relations of social and geographical ‘locations.’ In this constellation, the organizers see the need for clarification especially in two regards. First, concerning the question of the historicity of “axes of inequality” (Klinger, Knapp) and, second, concerning the use of intersectionality as a methodology within the heterogeneous fields of transnational cultures of knowledge.

Following up previous discussions, our conference gives young academics the opportunity to discuss analytical and methodological questions situated in the humanities, as well as in the historical and social sciences, that have emerged from their own research. While the main focus will be on historical analyses, social practices related to the production of knowledge and representation are considered as well. The presentations encompass both micro- and macro-levels of society.

You are cordially invited to participate in the seminar. Please register by the 6th of September via email: johannammueler@gmail.com. Conference languages will be German, French and English.

Programme/ Programm / Program

DONNERSTAG, 10. September 2009 / Jeudi, 10 septembre 2009 / Thursday, September 10 2009

9.30 - 9.45 Ankunft der TeilnehmerInnen - Accueil des participant-e-s / Arrival

9.45 - 10.00 Eröffnung / Introduction par les organisatrices et Beate Collet (Paris IV)

10.00 - 11.00 Vorstellungsrunde der ReferentInnen - Tour de table: Brève
présentation des participant-e-s / Round of Introductions

1. PANEL Wege der Rezeption - réception et critique / Reception and Critique

Moderation / Modération: Jennifer Meyer (ENS-LSH,
Universität Erfurt, Ciera)

11.15 - 12.00 Cornelia Möser (Paris 8, HU Berlin) *Travelling theories : Was die Intersektionalitätsdiskussion
aus der Debatte über die Kategorie 'Geschlecht' lernen kann*

12.00 - 12.45 Thomas Beaubreuil (ENS, EHESS, CSE) *La réception de la notion d' «
intersectionnalité » dans le débat en France. Construction théorique, implications
politiques et usages pratiques*

13.00 - 14.30 Pause / Break

2. PANEL Theoretische und methodologische Zugänge / Approches théoriques et méthodologiques / Theoretical and Methodological Approaches

Moderation / Modération : Johanna M. Müller (FU Berlin)

14.30 - 15.30 Jana Tschurennev/ Urs Lindner (Eidgenössische Technische

Hochschule Zürich/ Goethe Universität Frankfurt) *Western Modernity Revisted? Intersectionality, Structure,
History*

15.30 - 16.00 Pause / Break

16.00 – 17.15 Christine Kley (FU Berlin)/ Dimitri Mader (Humboldt Universität Berlin) „*Interlocking structures of oppression*“– *power, domination and the problem of agency*

3. PANEL Case Studies in Representation and Difference: the Specificity of Intersectionality

Moderation / Modération: Johanna M. Müller (FU Berlin)

17.30 – 17.45 Manoucheka Celeste (University of Washington) *(Re)presenting : Black Women in Popular Culture and the Paradoxes of Beyoncé Knowles*

17.45 – 18.00 Rebecca Clark (University of Washington) *Intersections of Racial Privilege and 'Feminist' empowerment: the Case of American Pop Icons Gwen Stefani and Fergie*

18.15 – 18.30 Sara Diaz (University of Washington) *Roger Arliner Young: The Historical (Mis)representation of a Black Woman Scientist*

18.30 – 18.45 Martha Gonzalez (University of Washington) *Collective Songwriting Process as a De-Colonial Act*

18.45 – 19.00 Monique Lacoste (University of Washington) *Privilege and Innocence in Orange County: Intersectional Approaches to Reading a Mediatized Rape Trial*

FREITAG, 11. September 2009 / Vendredi, 11 septembre 2009 / Friday, September 11 2009

4. PANEL Zur Konstruktion von ‚Normalität‘ in der Geschichte –

Intersektionalität in historischer Perspektive / Constructing Normality in History – Intersectionality in a historical perspective

Moderation / Modération: Vera Kallenberg (MPIeR Frankfurt, EHESS/ Ciera)

10.00 - 10.45 Susanne Hehenberger (Österreichische Kommission für

Provenienzforschung) *Geheime Sünden. Strafrechtliche Konstruktion und*

Verfolgungspraxis von Inzest und Sodomie in der Frühen Neuzeit

10.45 - 11.30 Birgit Stammberger (Leuphana Universität Lüneburg) *Moderne Monstrositäten. Geschlecht und*

Materialität der Anormalen

5. PANEL Intersektionalität und Männlichkeit / Intersectionality and Masculinity

Moderation / Modération: Jana Tschurennev (Eidgenössische Technische

Hochschule Zürich)

12.00 - 12.30 Martin Seeliger (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) *Gangstarap and*

Intersectionality in a multi-level analysis

12.30 - 13.00 Udo Gerheim (Universität Bremen) *Geschlecht schlägt Klasse?! Oder: Im*

Bordell sind alle Männer gleich. Ein qualitativ-empirischer Beitrag zur

Diskussion der männlichen Nachfrage nach künstlicher Sexualität.

13.00 - 14.30 Pause / Break

**6. PANEL Das Politische der Intersektionalität – Politik der
Intersektionalität / The Political of Intersectionality – Politics of Intersectionality**

Moderation / Modération: Dimitri Mader (FU Berlin)

14.30 - 15.15 Irène Pereira (EHESS, GSPM) *Controverses militantes dans la gauche*

radicale en France autour de l'articulation entre les différentes oppressions

15.15 - 16.00 Pauline Vermeren (CSPRP Paris, Columbia NJC) *Racisme et sexisme*

au coeur du débat postcolonial

16.00 - 16.30 Pause / Break

16.30 - 17.15 Joshua Dubrow (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warschau) *Political*

Voice of the Disadvantaged: Intersectionality and Political Participation in

France and Germany

17.15 - 18.00 Julia Verse (europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt-Universität Berlin)

Antiracism und feminism in Ireland.

SAMSTAG, 12. September 2009 / Samedi, 12 septembre 2009 / Saturday, September 12 2009

7. PANEL Intersektionalität in (post-) kolonialen Kontexten / Intersectionnalité en contexte post-colonial / Intersectionality in post colonial contexts

Moderation / Modération: Cornelia Möser (Humboldt Universität Berlin / Paris IV)

9.45 - 10.30 Sébastien Verney (Université Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne, IERP) *Différencier pour coloniser. La classification raciale en Indochine, outil d'affirmation d'une identité nationale en gestation*

10.30 - 11.15 Ninon Thiem (Universität Erfurt) *Koloniales Reisen als Emanzipation? –*

Die Verortung der Geschlechter in Danièle Rousseliers „Sépia“ und Pacale

Roze „L'eau rouge“

11.15 - 11.30 Pause / Break

11.30 - 12.15 Laura Schuft (Université de Nice, Université de la Polynésie

Française) *Genre, ‚race‘ et statut-économique dans les catégorisations*

conjugales à Tahiti

Abschlussrunde / Table ronde / Final Come Together

12.15 - 13.00 Planung Arbeitskreis und Vernetzung / initiation d'un groupe de travail / planning of a research group

13.00 TAGUNGSENDE / FIN DU COLLOQUE / END OF SESSION