

Studying through Migration Durch Migration forschen

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Migration has proved to be one of the most turbulent and productive spheres of anthropological – and cultural/social scientific – inquiry. It has contributed a lot to moving our methodological focus towards mobility and transnationalism – away from former methodological nationalism and localism.

Still, migration research in its more narrow sense has not profited much from the theoretical moves which it has inspired. Migration research, however transnational and diasporic it may be today, still tends to restrict itself to the research of migrants – thus reproducing the marginal space of a specific field of interest at the periphery of the ethnically, racially unmarked landscapes of „mainstream research“.

We aim to take migration further: not only as a concept to study „ethnic“, „transnational“, „diasporic“ – and thus marginalized - groups of people, but as a concept that has to be generally employed in the study of societies, cultures, cities, genders, classes, states.

In other words: Could the concept of migration be turned into a „traveling theory“ (Edward Said) that would gain different productivity from being transferred from the margins to the centre?

- 17.4. *Labor Migration (Berlin)* Durch Migration forschen: Zur Idee des Kolloquiums
- 24.4. *Michi Knecht (Berlin)* Die soziale Produktivität von Anonymität - ein Forschungsprogramm (Antrittsvorlesung)
- 8.5. *Wolfgang Kaschuba (Berlin)* Migration ins Museum?
- 15.5. *James Clifford (Santa Cruz)* Location Exercise: Personal reflections on de-centering, diasporizing, indigenizing
- 22.5. *Houria Boutelja (Paris)* Qu'est-ce que le féminisme décolonial ? / Was ist dekolonialer Feminismus?
- 24.5. **Achtung! Sondertermin: Donnerstag, 12-14/Thursday 12-14**
David Graeber (London) Title tba
- 29.5. *Kwame Nimako (Amsterdam)* Theorizing Black Europe: Implications for Citizenship, Nativism and Xenophobia
- 5.6. *Chetan Bhatt (London)* Wars, Xenology, Migration
- 12.6. *Floya Anthias (London)* Transnational mobilities, gender and intersectionality: towards a translocational frame for migration research
- 19.6. *Miriam Ticktin (New York)* Armed Love. Humanitarianism and the Politics of Immigration in France
- 26.6. *Ben Carrington (Austin, Texas)* Anti-black Racism, European Football and the Cosmopolitan
- 3.7. *Arjun Appadurai (New York)* The Allegory of Migration in Mumbai: The Social Life of the Cinematographic Imagination