

INVESTIGATING LOGISTICS

Forms of Life, Migration, the Common(s)

Summer University

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Investigating logistics offers a powerful way of confronting the challenges of migration. As a political technology that produces space, power and subjectivity, logistics not only provides a set of technologies and techniques for marshalling the movement of people and things. It also supplies a unique perspective on and an empirical ground for studying transitions of capital and capitalism.

Building on the experience of two previous summer universities at Humboldt University Berlin – ‘Teaching the Crisis’ (2013) and ‘Expanding the Margins’ (2014) – Investigating Logistics is an intensive program of international scholarly exchange and discussion that interrogates the infrastructural conditions and constraints of current practices of passage and transit.

We seek participants invested in political intervention, digital experimentation, empirical research and theoretical inquiry to take part in a research and teaching encounter that explores the barriers and potentialities of logistics for the making of common forms of life.

We welcome contributions from diverse disciplines. In particular, we seek participants interested in working along or combining research threads that investigate:

- 1) the ways in which logistics produces and connects heterogeneous spaces, articulating them from the point of view of capital valorisation
- 2) migration and logistics, both as far as the logistical management of mobility is concerned and as far as the logistical angle allows a conceptualisation of migration
- 3) the increasing logistical mediation of social reproduction and forms of life
- 4) how logistics can (or cannot) be imagined and constructed differently in order to become instrumental to the articulation of the power of social cooperation beyond capital’s domination.

To Apply

All postgraduate students (MA and PhD) of the Humboldt-Universität are eligible to apply. To apply, submit a statement of interest of no longer than one page demonstrating your strong interest in investigating logistics and migration as well as in knowledge production and higher education, in addition to information concerning academic performance and political motivation. In the months leading up to the Summer University, students will be required to conduct a mini-study relevant to the programme together with others selected from their institution. Furthermore, students will be required to participate in 2 workshops leading up to the summer school, one of them May 26-27. English skills at the B2 level are required of all participants. Applications for the Summer School should be sent to Felix Marlow (marlowfe@hu-berlin.de) **by Friday, February 26th, 2016.**

The Investigating Logistics Summer University organizes an encounter between participants from universities on four different continents. Through lectures, workshops, presentations, public events, and walks in the city, the Summer University will provide a context for the collective production of knowledge about logistics and migration as an empirical tool and analytical framework for researching globalisation. Participants will learn a repertoire of approaches and be encouraged to design methods to study social phenomena in transformation. The program addresses student participants at the advanced MA and Ph.D. levels of anthropology, humanities and social science, political science, philosophy and gender studies. The active participation can be fully integrated into the academic programs and is credited with 8 ECTS points.

Participating faculty and institutions include:

Dr. Sina Arnold (HU Berlin)
Prof. Dr. Manuela Bojadžijev (Leuphana / HU Berlin)
Prof. Dr. Michael Hardt (Duke)
Dr. Serhat Karakayali (HU Berlin)
Prof. Dr. Isabell Lorey (Kassel)
Prof. Dr. Sandro Mezzadra (Bologna)
Prof. Dr. Brett Neilson (Western Sydney)
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