

NORMATIVE ORDERS

Cluster of Excellence at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to invite you to the workshop series *Critical Normativities/Normative Disorders* that will take place in the upcoming winter semester (2014-15).

In the workshop sessions, we engage with a broad spectrum of approaches to politics and society, which allow for interdisciplinary exchange. The workshop originates from the idea that the diverse orders of normativity that constitute the social, political and economic practices of our contemporary world display an inherently critical nature that, we think, is worthy of being inquired into with the aid of the widest possible range of conceptual devices. Normativities are *critical* in a double sense: On the one hand, they consist of an amalgam of problems, dilemmas, hegemonies, injustices, and constellations of power; on the other hand, they immanently provide resources and energies for challenging, transforming, even re-inventing given orders. We suggest, then, to depict normative orders as *disorders*, and try to articulate their critical, subversive potential.

In winter semester '14-15 we have invited scholars to discuss their work(-in-progress) on the following topics: peoplehood and republicanism, neoliberalism and financial governmentality, violence, gender oppression and pornography, as well as political affects.

We have planned a workshop session for every month. Each session consists of a dialogue between two speakers. Workshop language will be English. Papers will be distributed via email in advance.

If you are interested, please register for the workshop series by sending email to the conveners: Federica Gregoratto (gregoratto@normativeorders.net), or Kolja Möller (kolja.moeller@normativeorders.net).

Program (provisional):

29.10.2014 (16-19 Uhr)

Raum EG.02, Haus Normative Orders

- **Philipp Schink (Frankfurt a.M.), Kolja Möller (Frankfurt a.M.):** *Staging the People of the Republic*

- **Dorothea Gädeke (Frankfurt a.M.):** *Critical Republicanism*

19.11.2014 (16-19 Uhr)

Raum PA 21

- **Emanuele Leonardi (Bergamo):** *Financial Governmentality: Wealth-Effect as a Practice of Social Control*

- **Thomas Biebricher (Frankfurt a.M.):** *Sovereignty, Norms and Exception in Neoliberalism*

17.12.2014 (16-19 Uhr)

Raum EG.02, Haus Normative Orders

- **Thore Prien (Flensburg):** *The Spatial Fix of Violence. Landgrabbing and the Missing Link Between Overaccumulation Crisis and the Crisis of Biopolitics*

- **Francesca Raimondi (Frankfurt a.M.):** tba

21.01.2015 (16-19 Uhr)

Raum EG.02, Haus Normative Orders

- **Mara Marin (Frankfurt a.M.):** *Connected by Commitment. Rethinking Relations of Oppression and Our Responsibility to Undermine Them*

- **Mari Mikkola (Berlin):** *Pornography: A Source of Oppression or a Tool for Emancipation?*

11.02.2015 (16-19 Uhr)

Raum EG.02, Haus Normative Orders

- **Serhat Karakayli (Hamburg):** *Politics of Affect Between Intensity and Control*

- **Judith Mohrmann (Berlin):** *Why Politics Can't Do away with Emotions - and why that is a Good Thing*