

CALL FOR PAPERS

Difference that makes no Difference: The Non-Performativity of Intersectionality and Diversity

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International Workshop
Frankfurt Research Center for Postcolonial Studies (FRCPS)
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Regardless of the hype about intersectionality and diversity as emancipatory concepts, they remain predominantly symbolic commitments in academic discourses and institutional practices. Despite claims to “do diversity” and to be diverse, discourses and institutions sustain the status quo through Eurocentric and Androcentric academic curricula and discriminatory hiring practices. The rhetoric of diversity is employed to deflect charges of racism and hetero/sexism, even as there is systematic resistance against the institutionalization of diversity. The aim of this workshop is to explore the ideological function of diversity and intersectionality as legitimizing performance indicators in academic discourses and institutions.

Submission of Paper Proposals

We invite paper proposals that address the issue of non-performativity of diversity and intersectionality. Please submit abstracts (max. 350 words) and a short bio-note (max. 100 words) by 30th November to: dhawan@normativeorders.net

All proposals and presentations must be in English. A limited number of travel bursaries will be provided for paper presenters (preference will be given to applicants from the global South). Please motivate your application for travel funding in a short accompanying letter (max. 300 words).

Registration

Participation is free of charge. Please register for the workshop at: frcps.mail@googlemail.com