

Diversity Affects

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Diversity Affects Troubling Institutions

‘Diversity enhancement’ has become a buzzword of institutional change today, and multiple actors push for the establishment of diverse (infra-)structures in public and organizational spaces.

At the same time, critics bemoan that diversity has primarily become an economic asset of neo-liberal management and marketing practices that reify cultural difference and identity politics at the expense of acknowledging, and transcending, deep-rooted social inequalities.

This conference considers the multiply intertwined processes of institutionalizing diversity, on the one hand, and their affective repercussions within and beyond institutional settings, on the other: What affects and emotions do processes of diversifying institutions arouse? How do these processes trouble or shape particular affective environments and scripts for everyday interactions, practices, and performances within and beyond institutional spaces? Around 40 speakers from the humanities and social sciences approach these questions with regard to diverse institutional settings such as education, the media, cultural institutions, and healthcare.

Friday, May 28th

10:00—10:25 Welcome

10:30—11:15 Diversity (Affects) from below. Performing Political Critique through Joyful Fashion Shows

SPOTLIGHT TALK *Monika Salzbrunn* (Lausanne)

11:30—13:00 Panel: Care for Diversity

The Affective Life and Emotions of Competing Diversities: Organizations and the Cultural Politics of Difference in the Field of Disability in Germany —*Vanessa Rau* (Göttingen)

‘I know how it feels but...’: Empathy and Diversity Affects in Vietnamese Carescapes of Berlin —*Anita von Poser* (Berlin)

‘It depends from where someone is coming’: Negotiations of Social Differences in a Swiss Hospital —*Carole Ammann/Susan Thieme* (Bern)

Panel: Affect Works

Affective Digital Bureaucracies: Affective Afterlives of Digitalizing Diversity in the Administration of Migration in Germany —*Larissa Vettters/Olaf Zenker* (Halle and Berlin)

Institutional Dynamics of Affecting and Being Affected: The Emotionalization of Injustice and the Threat of Withdrawing the Organizational Identification —*Yvonne Albrecht/Serhat Karakayali/Annemarie Kern* (Berlin)

Autonomizing Institutional Practices of Care. What Could it Mean to Rethink Institutions as Inclined Caring Arrangements?—*Birte de Gruisbourne* (Paderborn)

13:00—14:00 LUNCH

14:00—15:00 Sasha Salzmann Reading and Talk with Anne Fleig

15:30—17:00 Panel: Museum Queeries

A Gay Coin Exchange at the Museum: Trading (on) Queer Currency and Homonational Pride —*Angela Failler* (Winnipeg)

Pinkwashing the Purge? The Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Gay Purge Exhibit —*Heather Milne* (Winnipeg)

Curatorial Activism and Queer Curating: Gay Museum in Berlin—*Birgit Bosold* (Berlin)

Panel: Uni_Diversity

Somewhere between Safe and Brave Spaces: Fighting Sexualized Harassment and Violence in German Academia—*Sabina García Peter/Heike Pantelmann/Annelot Prins/Tanja Wälty* (Berlin)

Surviving Inclusion —*Caroline Light/Andrea Wright* (Boston)

Shiny Happy Universities? An International Comparative Analysis of Diversity Politics in Higher Education —*Jennifer Chan de Avila/Gülay Çağlar* (Berlin)

18:00—19:30 Complaint, Diversity and Other Hostile Environments

KEYNOTE *Sara Ahmed*

Saturday, May 29th

9:30—10:15 **Discipline and Affect – Calibrating Citizenship after Diversity**

SPOTLIGHT TALK *Bilgin Ayata* (Graz)

10:30—12:00 **Roundtable: Media trouble: Diversity in the Newsroom and Beyond**

Sheila Mysorekar (Neue deutsche Medienmacher*innen)

Iva Krtalić Muiesan (Westdeutscher Rundfunk)

Alexandra Borchardt (Oxford)

Nour Khelifi (Journalist, author and script writer)

Introduction: Margreth Lünenborg (Berlin)

Moderation: Débora Medeiros (Berlin)

Panel: Faith in Diversity

Affects of Presence: Institutionalizing Religious Diversity in Berlin—*Dominik Mattes* (Berlin)

The Promise of Architecture: Religious Diversity, Media and Affect in Berlin's 'House of One'—*Marian Burchardt* (Leipzig)

Dreaming of Conviviality: Diversity, Heritage and Affect in the Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba—*Mar Griera* (Barcelona)

12:00—13:00 **LUNCH**

13:00—14:30 **Roundtable: Undoing Discrimination?**

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Roundtable: Cultural Diversity?

Monique Scheer (Tübingen)

Boris Nieswand (Tübingen)

Michael Boiger (Amsterdam)

Thomas Stodulka (Berlin)

Moderation: *Birgitt Röttger-Rössler* (Berlin)

14:45—15:30 **The Visceral Logics of Decolonization**

SPOTLIGHT TALK *Neetu Khanna* (Los Angeles)

16:00—17:00 **Puddles the Pelican and The Pregnant Oyster; Songs of Cranky Hope and Solidarity**

PERFORMANCE *Jeremy Wade*

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