

Öffentlicher Vortrag mit Workshop

KONTRAPUNKTE: WISSENSCHAFT IM WIDERSPRUCH

Vortrag von Shalini Randeria | Wien, Genf, Bremen

Demographic Panics and the Violence of Soft Authoritarianism

mit Michael Flitner und Klaus Schlichte | Bremen

02.07.19 | Dienstag | 18:00 - 20:00 Uhr | Rotunde (Cartesium), Uni Bremen

Workshop mit Shalini Randeria und Ranabir Samaddar | Calcutta Research Group

Soft Authoritarianism, Primitive Accumulation and the Law

Moderation: Martin Nonhoff | Bremen

03.07.19 | Mittwoch | 10:30 - 14:30 Uhr | UNICOM 7.2210 (InIIS, Mary-Somerville-Straße 7, Haus Wien)

Beide Veranstaltungen finden in englischer Sprache statt.

The lecture will address the politics of demographic panics which we are currently observing across the globe and which are entangled with geo-political interests and the increasing strength of ethno-national identities. Imaginations of the purity of the nation coupled with perceptions of differential fertility rates fuel pro-natalist discourses and policies especially in Eastern Europe, which is also witnessing a strong anti-feminist backlash. The same mix of factors, however, lead to selective anti-natalism for the poor and for religious minorities in India, for example, where a model of economic development based on neo-Malthusian premises continues to animate a state-driven population control program. The links between soft authoritarianism and the demographic imagination in different regions of the world will be explored to delineate the intimate ties between body politics and the body politic. Contemporary dynamics of the governance of reproduction in a world imagined as simultaneously under-populated and over-populated will be considered against the background of the global history of (post)-colonial population control.

Shalini Randeria, Rector of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna and Director of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy (IHED) in Geneva, was nominated Excellence Chair of the University of Bremen in January 2019. She is Professor of Social Anthropology and Sociology teaching at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. In Bremen, Shalini Randeria is setting up an interdisciplinary research group as part of the collaborative initiative "Worlds of Contradiction" (WoC) dedicated to exploring and analysing the current developments of "Soft Authoritarianism".



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Zum Workshop am Folgetag sind alle ganz herzlich eingeladen, insbesondere Nachwuchswissenschaft*innen (MA, PhD und Postdoc).

Lektüre zur Vorbereitung:

Randeria, Shalini. (2007). "The State of Globalization: Legal Plurality, Overlapping Sovereignties and Ambiguous Alliances between Civil Society and the Cunning State in India". *Theory, Culture & Society* 24 (1): 1–33.

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Für den Workshop wird um Anmeldung unter woc@uni-bremen.de gebeten.