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Seminar in the MA-course „Society, Globalisation and Development" ("Gesellschaften, Globalisierung und Entwicklung") (Modul "Entwicklungsgesellschaften")

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Location: Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung, Walter-Flex-Str. 3, **Right Conference Room**

1. Course Description:

In this class, students will be introduced to various spatially-oriented counter-narratives that contest normative notions of development as modernization and the nation state as its nexus. More specifically we will look at the significance of the migrating "body," as agent, interacting in networks of relationships within, and beyond, developing societies; most especially in contexts where conflict arises as a consequence of boundary marking (such as infrastructural development) in the formation of nation states. Utilizing spatial lenses, derived from post-area studies, postcolonial, and feminist perspectives, we will discuss questions such as: What is space? What is the relationship between spatial conditions and power? How does conflict arise as a consequence of struggles over space? How does mobility become a strategic response to conflict? What kinds of spatial mobility occur in conflictual contexts? How does mobility differ for men versus women? In addition we will utilize research work developed under the Crossroads Asia umbrella to interrogate the above questions, as well as to reveal the intimate and self-reinforcing connections between conflict and migration in certain developing societies on the Asian continent.

The premise of this class is that a critical pedagogy on space (especially the forces involved in the production and reproduction of space) is a necessary condition for a thorough understanding of developing societies and the effects (physical, social, economic or cultural) of various development interventions in the quest for modernity. Space is here considered in its multidimensionality, namely physical and socio-cultural spaces and their different dimensions including place, territory, network, scale, positionality, mobility will be discussed. We will interrogate widespread understandings of developing societies in Asia as being given and set in specific places that are bound by fixed categories such as nation-state; that is, a structure that is developed for and not a context that is developed by society. We contrast this with an understanding of space as both, a manifestation as well as a vehicle of the productive relations of power by various bodies acting on and in it. Consequently, we will investigate spatial relations, the making of inclusion and exclusion, centrality versus marginality, difference and conflict. Framed as an exercise to better understand the spatial dimensions of development, we will discuss how individuals and their communities make use of mobility, spatial relations, and networks to mitigate and/or mobilize against life-constraining effects caused by conflict arising from large-scale development interventions.

2. Course requirements:

- regular participation
- reading of the obligatory texts
- writing of 3 short summaries of the obligatory texts (1 page each), or a presentation

Additional requirements for a marked certificate ('Leistungsnachweis'):

- seminar paper (15-20 pages, due 15.8.14)

Room at the Center for Development for Development Research: Right Conference Room (until 15.7.), 2056 (on 1.7 only), and 3032 (on 8.7. only)

3. Course outline:

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Introduction

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Space-time (+Social)

Obligatory reading:

Lefebvre, H. (1991). *The production of space* (D. Nicholson-Smith, Trans.). Oxford, England: Blackwell. (Original work published 1974) NB: Read chapter 1, Plan of the Present Work.

Thrift, N. (2009). Space: The fundamental stuff of human geography. In N. J. Clifford, S. L. Holloway, S. P. Rice & G. Valentine (Eds.) *Key concepts in geography* (pp. 95-107). London: Sage Publications.

Obligatory viewing:

Greene, B. (2012) *What is Space?* YouTube Video retrieved at: http://youtu.be/5iZ1-csQFUA

Recommended reading:

Allen, R. L. (1999). The socio-spatial making and marking of 'us': Toward a critical postmodern spatial theory of difference and community. *Social Identities, 5* (3), 249-277.

Benson, R. (1987). The new spatiality. *Journal of Architectural Education* 40 (2), 6-7.

Jessop, B. N., Brenner N. & Jones M. Theorizing sociospatial relations. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 26, 389-401

Lefebvre, H. (2013). *Rhythmanalysis: Space, time and everyday life*. London: Bloomsbury.

Lefebvre, H. (1991). *The production of space* (D. Nicholson-Smith, Trans.). Oxford, England: Blackwell. (Original work published 1974) NB: Especially chapter 2, Social Space.

Leitner, H., Sheppard, E. & Sziarto, K. M. (2008). The spatialities of contentious politics. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 33 (2), 157-172.

Massey, D. (1992). Politics and Space/Time. *New Left Review*, 196, 65-84.

Soja, E. W. (1985). The spatiality of social life: Towards a transformative retheorisation. In D. Gregory & J. Urry (Eds.), *Social relations and spatial structures* (pp. 90-127). Basingstoke, England: Macmillan.

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Space and Place

Obligatory reading:

Agnew, J. (2011). Space and place. In J. Agnew & D. Livingstone (Eds.) *The SAGE handbook of geographical knowledge* (chapter 23). London: Sage Publications.

Recommended reading:

Casey, E. S. (1997). *How to get from space to place in a fairly short stretch of time*. In S. Feld & K. Basso (Eds.) *Senses of place* (pp. 13-52). Sante Fe: School of American Research Press

Cresswell, T. (2011). Place: Part I. In J. A. Agnew & J. S. Duncan (Eds.). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Human Geography* (pp. 235-244). Chichester, UK: Blackwell Publishing.

Escobar, A. (2001). Culture sits in places: Reflections on globalism and subaltern strategies for localization. *Political Geography* 20, 139-174.

Hoeschler, S. (2011). Place: Part II. In J. A. Agnew & J. S. Duncan (Eds.). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Human Geography* (pp. 245-259). Chichester, UK: Blackwell Publishing.

Keith, M., & Pile, S. (1993). Introduction: The politics of place. In M. Keith & S. Pile (Eds.), *Place and the politics of identity* (pp. 1-40). New York: Routledge.

Relph, E. (2009). A pragmatic sense of place. *Environmental & Architectural Phenomenology*, 20 (3), 24-31.

Tuan, Y. (1991). Language and the making of place: A narrative-descriptive approach. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 81 (4), 684-696.

Tuan, Y. (2001). *Space and place: The perspective of experience.* Minneapolis, MA: University of Minnesota. (Original work published in 1977) NB: Especially chapter 1, Introduction.

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Space, Place and Gender

Presentations: Space-time (+Social) / Place (and Gender)

Recommended reading:

Ismailbekova, A. (2013). Migration and patrilineal descent: The effects of spatial male mobility on social female mobility in rural Kyrgyzstan. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 12)

Jamali, H. (2013). The anxiety of development: Megaprojects and the politics of place in Gwadar, Pakistan. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 06)

Jung, L. S. (1988). Feminism and spatiality: Ethics and the recovery of a hidden dimension. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 4 (1), 55-71.

Massey, D. (1994). *Space, place and gender.* Cambridge, England: Polity. NB: Especially part III, Space, Place and Gender.

Mohanram, R. (1999). *Black body: Women, colonialism, and space.* Minneapolis, MA: University of Minnesota. NB: Especially chapter 3, Woman-Body-Nation-Space.

Soja, E. (1996). Third space: Journeys to Los Angeles and other real-and-imagined places. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing. NB: Especially chapter 4, Increasing the Openness of Thirdspaces.

Weisman, L. K. (1994). *Discrimination by design: A feminist critique of the man-made environment*. Urbana and Chicago, IL: University of Illinois. NB: Especially chapter 1, The Spatial Caste System: Design for Social Inequality.

6.5.14

Borders and Boundaries

Obligatory reading:

Donnan, H. & Wilson, T. M. (1999). *Borders: Frontiers of identity, nation and state*. Oxford: Berg. NB: Read chapter 1, Introduction: Borders, Nations and States.

Recommended reading:

Agnew, J. (2008). Sovereignty regimes: Territoriality and state authority in contemporary world politics. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 95 (2), 437-461.

Anderson, B. (1991). *Imagined communities: Reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*. London: Verso. (Original work published 1983)

Case, W. (2013). Defending borders: States and nation-states in the ASEAN 5. *TRaNS: Trans –Regional and –National Studies of Southeast Asia* 1 (1), 45-62.

Donnan, H. & Wilson, T. M. (1999). *Borders: Frontiers of identity, nation and state*. Oxford: Berg. NB: Especially chapter 2, Borders and Boundaries in Anthropology, and chapter 3, Other Approaches to Borders, Nations and States.

van Schendel, W. (2002). Geographies of knowing, geographies of ignorance: Jumping scale in Southeast Asia. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 20, 647-668.

13.5.14

Borders and Boundaries

Presentations: Borders and Boundaries

Recommended reading:

Alff, H., Hornidge, A., Boedeker, J. (forthcoming). The key to the border: Negotiating political borders and socio-cultural boundaries along Asian Crossroads. *Elsevier Editorial System(tm) for Political Geography*.

Anzaldua, G. (2012). *Borderlands/ La Frontera: The new mestiza*. San Francisco: Aunt Lute (Original work published in 1987)

Mato Bouzas, A. (2012). Mixed legacies in Contested Borderlands: Skardu and the Kashmir Dispute. *Geopolitics* 17 (4), 867-886.

Mignolo, W. D. & Tlostanova, M. V. (2006). Theorizing from the borders: Shifting to geo- and body-politics of knowledge. *European Journal of Social Theory* 9 (2), 205-221.

27.5.14

Mobility

Obligatory reading:

Urry, J. (2007). Mobilities. Cambridge: Polity Press. NB: Read chapter 1, Mobilizing Social Life.

Recommended reading:

Cresswell, T. (2011). Mobilities II: Still. *Progress in Human Geography*, 1-9.

Cresswell, T. (2010). Mobilities I: Catching up. *Progress in Human Geography*, 35 (4), 550-558.

Massey, D. (1991). A global sense of space. *Marxism Today,* 24-29.

Merriman, P. (2014). Mobilities I: Departures. *Progress in Human Geography*, 1-9.

3.6.14

Mobility

Presentations: Mobilities

Recommended reading:

Brickell, K. & Datta, A. (2011). Introduction: Translocal geographies. In K. Brickell & A. Datta (Eds.), *Translocal geographies: Spaces, places, connections* (pp. 3-13). Burlington, VT: Ashgate.

Marsden, M. (2011). Mobile life on the frontiers of Crossroads Asia. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 01)

Schetter, C. (2012). Translocal lives: Patterns of migration in Afghanistan. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 02)

Sheller, M. & Urry, J. (2006). The new mobilities paradigm. *Environment and Planning A*, 38, 207-226.

Urry, J. (2007). Mobilities. Cambridge: Polity Press. NB: Especially chapter 3, The Mobilities Paradigm.

10.6.14

Figurations

Presentations: Follow the Figurations

Obligatory reading:

Elias, N. (1970). What is sociology? Munich: Juventa Verlag. NB: Read chapter 4, Universal Features of Human Society.

Quintaneiro, T. (2006). The concept of figuration or configuration in Norbert Elias' sociological theory. *Teoria & Sociedade* 12 (1), 54-69.

Recommended reading:

Aya, R. (1978). Norbert Elias and "the civilizing process". *Theory and Society* 5 (2), 219-228.

Elias, Norbert (1994) *The civilizing process*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Featherstone, M. (1987). Norbert Elias and figurational sociology: Some prefatory remarks. *Theory, Culture & Society*, 4, 197-211.

Rojek, C. (1986). Problems of involvement and detachment in the writings of Norbert Elias. *The British Journal of Sociology,* 37 (4), 584-596.

17.6.14

Rhizome; Meshwork and Network

Obligatory reading:

Deleuze, G. & Guattari, F. (1987). *A thousand plateaus*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. NB: Read translator's foreward, Pleasures of Philosophy, and chapter 1, Introduction: Rhizome.

Latour, B. (2011). Networks, societies, spheres: Reflections of an Actor-Network theorist. *International Journal of Communication*, 5, 796-810.

Recommended reading:

Barabasi, A. & Frangos, J. (2002). *Linked: The new science of networks*. Perseus Publishing.

De Landa, M. (1998). Meshworks, hierarchies and interfaces. Zero News Datapool. Online at: http://cumincad.architexturez.net/system/files/pdf/7f71.content.pdf

Latour, B. (2005). *Reassembling the Social: An introduction to Actor-Network-Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Murdoch, J. (1998). The spaces of Actor-Network-Theory. *Geoforum*, 29 (4), 357-374.

van der Klei, A. (2002). Repeating the rhizome. *SubStance*, 31 (1), 48-55.

24.6.14

Rhizome; Meshwork and Network

Presentations: Rhizome and Open-ended Becoming

Recommended reading:

Alff, H. (2013). Basarökonomie im wandel: Postsowjetische perspektiven des handels in Zentralasien, *Geographische Rundschau*, 11, 20-25.

Benz, A. (2013). How migrants made their way: The role of pioneering migrants and solidarity networks of the Wakhi of Gojal (Northern Pakistan) in shaping the dynamics of rural-urban migration. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 11)

De Landa, M. (1999). Deleuze, diagrams, and the open-ended becoming of the world. In E. Grosz (Ed.) *Becomings: Explorations in time, memory, and futures* (pp. 29-41). Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Hird, M J. (2004). Feminist matters: New materialist considerations of sexual difference. *Feminist Theory* 5, 223-232.

Linstead, S. & Thanem, T. (2007). Multiplicity, virtuality and organization: The contribution of Gilles Deleuze. *Organization Studies*, 28, 1483-1501.

1.7.14

Positionality

Obligatory reading:

Rose, G. (1997). Situating knowledges: positionality, reflexivities and other tactics. *Progress in Human Geography*, 21 (3), 305-320.

Recommended reading:

Bourke, L., Butcher, S., Chisonga, N., Clarke, J., Davies, F., & Thorn, J. (2009). Fieldwork stories: Negotiating positionality, power and purpose. *Feminist Africa: Body Politics & Citizenship*, 13, 95-105.

England, K. V. L. (2010). Getting personal: Reflexivity, positionality and feminist research. The Professional Geographer, 46 (1), 80-89.

Sultana, F. (2007). Reflexivity, positionality and participatory ethics: Negotiating fieldwork dilemmas in international research. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies*, 6 (3), 374-385.

Takacs, D. (2003). How does your positionality bias your epistemology? *Thought & Action: The NEA Higher Education Journal*, 27-38.

8.7.14

Positionality

Presentations: Positionality and Situated Knowledge

Recommended reading:

Amoo-Adare, E. A. (2013). Spatial literacy: Contemporary Asante women's place-making. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. NB: Especially chapter 2, Feminist Positionality: Renegade Architecture in a Certain Ambiguity.

Mielke, K. & Hornidge, A. (2014). Crossroads Studies: From spatial containers to interactions in differentiated spatialities. (Crossroads Asia Working Paper Series, No. 15)

Sheppard, E. (2002). The spaces and times of globalization: Place, scale, networks, and positionality. *Economic Geography*, 78 (3), 307-330.

15.7.14

Final session