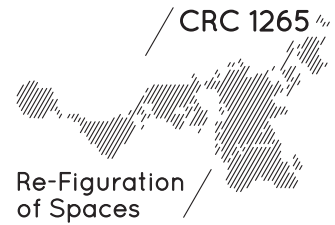


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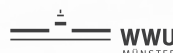
Preliminary Programme

February 26-27, 2020

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Overview

The theoretical discourse of the Collaborative Research Centre 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” focuses on three key concepts - translocalization, mediatization and polycontextualization - with which we assume to be able to describe the quality of current spatial production more precisely. Among these, the concept of polycontextualization is the most associative and the one that still needs thorough empirical research and validation. Therefore, this concept will be discussed in more depth at our second international conference. Five projects from our Collaborative Research Centre will participate with contributions conceptualizing polycontextualization in terms of its empirical relevance, inviting debate with twelve international theoretical and practical perspectives from external researchers.

According to Niklas Luhmann, polycontextualization is not action-relevant for individual systems, because each system refers to one context only. Thus, polycontextualization remains a meta-phenomenon that can only be recognized with the help of second-order observations. Contrary to Luhmann, we understand polycontextualization as the increasing heterogenization of references to action, impacting on the constitution of space, and with a direct significance for organizations and actors. Individual spaces can both be produced by references to different contexts and require the synthesis of these contexts by the actors or producers of space.

We seek to further develop the concept of polycontextualization from the etymological meaning of „contexture“ as a process of weaving or interacting with regard to the simultaneity of different socio-spatial relations. For the polycontextualization of action references, we propose testing the usefulness of the reflexive analysis of relational perceptivity, as practiced, for example, in postcolonial thinking, but also in intersectional theory. Here we see the need for a more in-depth discussion, preferably with reference to the empirical material collected in the projects.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

10:15-10:30 am

Welcome Address

10:30-11:00 am

Opening Statement

11:00-11:30 am

Séverine Marguin

Polycontextuality within the CRC Re-Figuration of Spaces

11:30-12:00 pm

Discussion

1:30-3:30 pm **Session 1:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Space and Place

4:00-6:00 pm **Session 2:**

Polycontextualization and Governance Regimes

6:15-7:30 pm **Keynote**

Hubert Knoblauch

The Polycontextualization of Space

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

9:00-10:30 am **Keynote**

Albena Yaneva

Polycontextualization and Politics

10:30-12:30 pm **Session 3:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of the Self

2:00-4:00 pm **Session 4:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Entanglement

4:30-6:30 pm **Session 5:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Smartification

6:30-7:00 pm **Wrap-Up**

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12:00-1:30 pm **Lunch Break**

1:30-3:30 pm **Session 1:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Space and Place

Johanna Hoerning, Paul Welch-Guerra (CRC, C02)

Overlapping Cities, Nations, Europes and Worlds in Housing and Asylum Politics

Joyce Nyairo (Kenia)

Nobody Can Stop Reggae: The Transnational Contexts in New Expressions of Freedom in Kenyan Popular Life

Practice Perspective: **Rebecca Enobong Roberts**

(policy advocacy officer, INGO, Nigeria)

3:30-4:00 pm **Coffee Break**

4:00-6:00 pm **Session 2:**

Polycontextualization and Governance Regimes

Jan-Peter Voß, Volkan Sayman, Jannik Schrit (CRC, C03)

Doing Politics at the Intersection of Regulatory, Issue and Knowledge Spaces

Shalini Randeria (Vienna)

Production of Spatial Entanglements through Law

6:15-7:30 pm **Keynote**

Hubert Knoblauch

The Polycontextualization of Space

7:30 pm

Meet and Greet

Thursday, February 27, 2020

9:00-10:15 am **Keynote**

Albena Yaneva (Manchester)

Polycontextualization and Politics

10:15-10:30 am **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:30 pm **Session 3:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of the Self

Gunter Weidenhaus, Claudia Mock (CRC, A05)

„Call me Global“. Spatial Constitutions of Middle Class Members in Kenia

Uwe Schimank (Bremen)

The Polycontextuality of Middle-Class Conduct of Life in Contemporary Western Societies

12:30-2:00 pm **Lunch Break**

2:00-4:00 pm **Session 4:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Entanglement

Julia Fülling, Linda Hering (CRC, A03)

Fresh Produce, Spatial Arrangements and Uncertainty

Ulrich Ermann (Graz)

Placing Commodities – Commodifying Places: Performative Geographies of Contextualization

4:00-4:30 pm **Coffee Break**

4:30-6:30 pm **Session 5:**

Polycontextualization and Politics of Smartification

Martina Löw, Jörg Stollmann, Timo Pape, Dominik

Bartmanski (CRC B03)

An Ordinary Life. ICT and the Urban Everyday in Songdo Smart City, South Korea

Alessandra Ponte (Montréal)

Montreal and the Mandate of Artificial Intelligence

Practice Perspective: **Etta Madete** (University of Nairobi, Orkidstudio)

6:30-7:00 pm **Wrap-Up**

Gunter Weidenhaus, Jörg Stollmann