

Western states happily turn to gender and sexual politics in order to demonstrate their presumed progressiveness. They find support from some parts of feminist and LGBTI activism that regard (neo)liberal state and diversity policies as instrumental for achieving integration and recognition. Such alliances have recently been criticized for fostering new social divisions and endorsing occidental and sometimes racist premises. Interested in the nuances of this critique, the lecture series brings together theoretical and political considerations developed from anti-racist, queer of color and/or migrant perspectives on late-modern and neoliberal state policies. The speakers will analyze the sexual imaginaries that organize Western publics and develop queer counter narratives.

All talks start at 7.30 pm and are in English, unless otherwise indicated.



Tuesday | 7 June 2011 | Jasbir Puar

»The Cost of Getting Better. Ecologies of Race, Sex, and Disability«

Jasbir Puar is Associate Professor of Women and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Thursday | 27 October 2011 | Sara Ahmed

»On Not Becoming a National Part: Willfulness as Political Art«

Sara Ahmed is Professor of Race and Cultural Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London.

Organized in cooperation with Prof. Beate Binder (Institute for European Ethnology, HU-Berlin).

Monday | 14 November 2011 | Fatima El-Tayeb

»Postracial Europe? Minority Activism and the Queering of Ethnicity «

Fatima El-Tayeb is Assistant Professor of African-American Literature and Culture at University of California, San Diego.

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Tuesday | 24 April 2012 | Antonia Chao

»Encountering Sexual Aliens: State Sovereignty and the Heteronormative Mechanism at Work on the Margins of Taiwan«

Antonia Chao is Professor of Sociology at Tunghai University, Taiwan.

Organized in cooperation with Prof. Sabine Hark (ZIFG, TU-Berlin).

Tuesday | 15 May 2012 | Drucilla Cornell

»Rethinking Ethical Feminism and Sexual Politics Through uBuntu«

Drucilla Cornell is Professor of Political Science, Women's Studies, and Comparative Literature at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Organized in cooperation with Prof. Mari Mikkola and Prof. Rahel Jaeggi (Institute for Philosophy, HU-Berlin).

Tuesday | 12 June 2012 | Cathy Cohen

»Race and Queer Theory in the Age of Obama«

Cathy Cohen is Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago.

Organized in cooperation with Prof. Cilja Harders (Institute for Political Science, FU Berlin and Katharina Pühl (ZEFG, FU-Berlin).

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