

Multiculturalism and Beyond

Identity Politics, Cultural Difference, and Hybridity in the Americas



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 22

- 10:00-10:45 **Welcome Address:**
Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld), **Josef Raab** (Duisburg-Essen), **Sebastian Thies** (Bielefeld)
Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld) & **Sebastian Thies** (Bielefeld): The Field of Identity Politics in Processes of Transnationalization: New Identities, Media, and Space in the Americas
- 10:45-12:00 **Keynote Address:**
María Herrera Sobek (Santa Barbara): Barbed Wire Iconography in Chicano/a Art: Aesthetic Activism Against the Drive to Stop Multiculturalism at the Border
- 12:00-13:30 - *Lunch* -
- 13:30-15:30 **Section I: Theorizing Multiculturalism**
David Latimore (Durham): The Paradox of Multiculturalism
Demetrius L. Eudell (Middletown): The Dialectic of the Sixties and the Counter-Reformation of Multiculturalism
Guillaume Boccara (Paris): Multiculturalism as Deep Neoliberalism
- 13:30-15:30 **Section II: Interactions with Colonialism and Decolonization**
Christian Büschges (Bielefeld): Tolerance versus Segregation? Ethnic Relations, Racial Politics and National Images in Brazil, Spanish America and the United States from Colony to Nation-State
Alejandra Bottinelli Wolleter (Santiago de Chile): Construir un sujeto, ensayar una nación: letrados, racismo y poder en el sur americano
Olaf Berg (Hamburg): The Zapatista Politics of History: Reconfiguring the Role of Indigenous Tradition in National Culture
- 15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -
- 16:00-18:00 **Section III: Questioning Paradigms of Multiculturalism in the United States and Canada**
Sherrow O. Pinder (Chico): Multiculturalism and the Problematics of Recognition in the United States
Sheri Dorn-Giarmoleo (Claremont): How Is a Multicultural Student Transformed into a Multicapital Prototype?
Mihaela Vieru (Ottawa): Wither Multiculturalism in Canada?: The Turn That Challenges Postmodernity
- 16:00-18:00 **Section IV: Questioning Paradigms of Multiculturalism in Latin America**
Leila Bijos (Brasilia): Multiculturalism and Ethnic Communities in the Americas
Capucine Boidin (Paris): Mestizaje and Multiculturalism from Paraguayan Intellectuals' and Peasants' Points of View / Mestizaje y multiculturalismo vistos desde los intelectuales y campesinos paraguayos de hoy
Gisella Díaz Azofeifa (San José de Costa Rica): Pueblos indígenas en Costa Rica y políticas de reconocimiento: una proximación crítica al paradigma del multiculturalismo

- 18:00-19:30 - *Dinner at ZiF* -
- 19:30-20:00 **Welcome Address by the ZiF**
- 20:00-21:30 **Evening Program**

Thursday, July 23

- 9:00-10:15 **Keynote Address:**
Gonzalo Portocarrero (Lima): El aporte andino a una modernidad posible
- 10:15-10:30 - *Coffee Break* -
- 10:30-12:30 **Section V: Discourses and Politics of Race**
Amós Nascimento (Tacoma / Piracicaba): Syncretism as a Form of Multicultural Politics?: The Case of African Americans in Brazil
Leslie Bary (Lafayette): Race, Color, and Culture in Peru and Brazil
Nina Möllers (Mannheim): 'Black, White or Chocolate?': Politicizing Creole Identity in New Orleans Then and Now
- 10:30-12:30 **Section VI: Indigenous Communities and Politics**
Philipp Altmann (Quito / Trier): Pluriculturalismo o multiculturalismo – El movimiento indígena ecuatoriano y su política cultural
Claudia Roch (Leipzig): Plastic Shamans and AIM-Warriors: Native American Spirituality in the New Age Movement
Liamar Durán Almarza (Gijón): Transcultural Ethnicity on Stage: A Comparative Approach
- 12:30-14:00 - *Lunch* -
- 14:00-15:30 **Section VII: Critical Perspectives on Whiteness**
Katharina Bick (Bremen): Localizing Literary Whiteness: Post-Critical Whiteness Studies in the Contemporary American Novel
Martin Lütke (Gießen): 'Nobody Knows What White People Eat!': Whiteness and Cultural Difference in Contemporary North American Comedy
Markus Heide (Berlin): Cosmopolitanism in the Americas: Theories and Cultural Practice Beyond the National and the Ethnic?
- 14:00-15:30 **Section VIII: European Immigrant Communities**
Kenneth H. Marcus (La Verne): Modernism in Los Angeles: Arnold Schoenberg and the Cultural Émigrés
Krasimira L. Marholeva (Prague): 'Transborder' Nationalism and 'Hyphenated' Identity: The Czech Community in the USA in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century (A Case Study)
Irina Novikova (Riga): In Search of Russian Americans – From Cinematic Representations of 'Russianness' to Brighton Beach Anecdotes
- 15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -
- 16:00-17:00 **Plenary Roundtable Discussion**

Perspectives of Inter-American Studies

Moderator: Josef Raab (Duisburg-Essen)

- 17:00-18:00 **Constitutive Meeting of the International Association of Inter-American Studies (IAS)**
- 18:30-19:00 **Welcome Address by the President's Office of Bielefeld University**
- 19:00-20:00 - *Dinner at West End - Bielefeld University*
- 20:30 **Cultural Program: Concert with Matutuu**

Friday, July 24

- 9:00-10:15 **Keynote Address:**
Alfred Hornung (Mainz): Transcultural Life Writing
- 10:15-10:30 - *Coffee Break* -
- 10:30-12:30 **Section IX: Multiculturalism and Belonging**
Rüdiger Heinze (Braunschweig): Gazpacho & Tomato Soup: Personal Identity, Communal Belonging and (Trans)National Integration in (Post)Multicultural U.S.-American Literature
Maren Freudenberg (Berlin): Self and Other in Chinese Canadian Literature: Identity and Belonging in Larissa Lai's *When a Fox Is a Thousand*
Mariangela Orabona (Naples): Traces of Memory: The Affective Dynamics Involved in the Artistic Event in Renée Green's and Rosângela Rennó's Work
- 10:30-12:30 **Section X: Indigeneity and Identity Politics**
Romulo Acurio (Vienna): Identitarian Competence and Cultural Freedom in the Andean Region
Carmen Julia Ibáñez Cueto (Rostock): Bolivia: el doble carácter de la etnicidad
Juliana Ströbele-Gregor (Berlin): Interculturality and Ethnicity – Concerning the Complicated Dynamics of International Discourse, Development Politics and the Experiences of Indigenous Communities
- 12:30-13:30 - *Lunch* -
- 13:30-15:30 **Section XI: Ethnic Self-Representations**
Dylan Robinson (Victoria): The Exscription of First Nations Voices in Canadian Art Music
Jaroslav Kušnir (Presov): Transgressing Ethnic Borders: Gerald Vizenor's *Feral Lasers* (1991) and Sherman Alexie's *Class* (2000)
Marietta Messmer (Groningen): Negotiations of Cultural Hybridity and Intercultural Conflicts in Chicano/a and Native American Texts
- 13:30-15:30 **Section XII: Discourses and Practices of Intercultural Education**
Astrid Haas (Bielefeld): The Calculus of Literacy: Jaime Escalante, Richard Rodríguez, and the Latina/o Education Debate between Assimilation and Multiculturalism
Yolanda Jiménez Naranjo & Rosa Mendoza Zuany (Veracruz): Reconocimiento de la diversidad en el ámbito educativo en México: legislación,

políticas públicas e imaginarios sociales de la escuela intercultural

Juan Carlos Silas (Guadalajara): Educación superior intercultural en México

15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -

16:00-18:00 **Section XIII: Migration Experiences and Concepts of Identity**

Kathryn E.T. Dennler (London): Mexican State-Led Transnationalism Revisited: Perception and Reception Among Mexican Migrants

John A. García (Tucson): Navigating Latino Immigrant Experiences: Racialization, Ethnic and National Identities Dynamics and Political Incorporation

Paul Spickard (Münster / Santa Barbara): Chinese Americans, Turkish Germans: Historical Parallels in Two Racial Systems

16:00-18:00 **Section XIV: Transcultural Virtual and Media Spaces**

José Carlos Lozano (Monterrey): The Social Construction of a Mediated Transnational Space: The Use of a Mexican Regional Television Channel in Houston, Texas by Migrants from Monterrey, Mexico

Klaus Zilles (Barcelona): From Diaspora to Transculturality: The Metamorphosis of Identity Politics in TV Serial Drama

Henry Morello (Penn State): Autobiographical Fantasies: Identity Construction in a Virtual World

18:00-19:30 **Section XV: Applied Interculturality**

Elisabeth Tuidier (Hildesheim): To Live in the Borderland. Transnational Motherhood and Global Care

Cornelia Giebeler (Bielefeld): Multiculturalism in Applied Social Sciences. Case Studies in Pluri-, Trans-, Inter- and Intracultural Areas

18:00-19:30 **Section XVI: Chicano Experiences**

Isabel Durán (Madrid) Teaching Chicano Autobiography

Johanne Mayr (Bamberg): Shared Ground or Contested Territory? Intercultural Representations in New Mexico Novels

20:00 - *Dinner at Restaurant, Bielefeld Town Center (self-paid)* -

Saturday, July 25

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

Mabel Moraña (St. Louis): The Trafficking of Difference: Multiculturalism, Identity Politics in the Ideological Crossroads

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

10:30-13:00 **Section XVII: Hybridity in Theory and Representation**

Annick Gendre (Cergy-Pontoise): 'Hybrid,' 'Hybridity' and 'Hybridization' in Literary Criticism: A Trope? A Concept? A Tool? A Paradigm?

Ilka Ruhl (Berlin): Crossings: Cultural Hybridity as Depicted in Chicano Children's Literature on Migration

Ruth Hsu (Hawai'i): Karen Tei Yamashita's *Tropic of Orange* and Sesshu Foster's *Atomik Aztex*: Fractals and Conquistadores in American Post-ethnic Literature

Jonathan Hart (Edmonton): From Vitoria to Obama: Literature, Law, History and a Hope Beyond Race in the Americas

10:30-13:00 **Section XVIII: After Multiculturalism?**

Isabelle Lutterodt (San Diego): Walking the Line: American Tradition and the Meaning of Multicultural Identity

Jürgen Heinrichs (South Orange): Can We? Representations and Realities of Social and Political Change in U.S.-American Visual Culture

Thomas Doerfler (Bayreuth): After Multiculturalism: The Dead Ends of Culturalism

Sophia McClennan (Penn State): Testing the Limits of Identity: Alterlatino Ethics and Latino Ontologies

13:00-14:00 **Final Discussion**

14:00-14:30 - *Snack Lunch* -

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