Veranstaltungen der Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropastudien

33268b Stuengruppe „Social Sorting“

Seminar
Kurzkommentar: In this study group, open to students of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies in history, anthropology, urban studies, and political and social science, we look at processes of social and administrative sorting, adopting both historical and anthropological perspectives.
Kommentar: We understand social sorting as a key aspect of modernity, comprising bureaucratized and automated processes of categorization that are routinely applied to channel large sets of people. Sorting processes can be observed in many contexts, involving the management (“sorting out”) of large and complicated flows of goods, people and information. Where these processes are applied to people, they are decisive in terms of producing forms of inclusion and exclusion, for example pertaining to citizenship rights, and entitlements to public services, humanitarian aid and charity. These social sorting practices are instrumental in sustaining the social and political order: they emerge from the application of legal norms, which are translated into protocols, facilitated, enhanced and co-produced by certain technologies that help to define, identify, profile, and channel relevant categories and groups of people. Sorting practices have changed over time, from the simple paper-based and mechanical forms of the past to the more sophisticated digital, algorithmic and biometrical techniques of today. They have been employed in many different political contexts (the colonial state, the nation-state, the welfare and neoliberal ‘deregulated’ state), recurrently functioning as technologies of surveillance and control, entailing discriminatory, exclusionary, and discretionary practices of people with power to decide. The rise of sorting practices is not only linked to modernity but also to processes of globalization, that is, the increase in flows of goods, people, and information. They have gained ground in the private sector as well, such as in retailing, banking, and security. In this study group we discuss the origins and development of these sorting practices, their social and political implications, their technological basis and material and spatial repercussions.

33268c Kolloquium der Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropastudien

Kolloquium
Kurzkommentar: In der interdisziplinären Veranstaltungsreihe stellen renommierte Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler aus dem In- und Ausland an der Graduiertenschule ihre Forschungen vor.
Kommentar: Das Forschungskolloquium richtet sich sowohl an die Mitglieder der Graduiertenschule, als auch an die interessierte Hochschulöffentlichkeit.
Veranstaltungsort: Regensburg, Landshuter Straße 4, Raum 017
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Do 10.01., Susanne Schattenberg (Bremen), „Leonid Breschnew. Staatsmann und Schauspieler“
Do 07.02., Vladimir Biti (Wien), „Miroslav Krelža und die kroatische Enteignungsgeschichte“