



Mobility, Migration and Policies

*Workshop and Meeting between the EPOKE research group (Aarhus University) and the Critical Migration and Border Regime Research Laboratory (University of Göttingen)
9. – 10. October 2014 in Copenhagen*

Wednesday afternoon/evening

Arrival in Copenhagen of the Göttingen group

Thursday,

9.00-10:15 Introductions and Presentation of different research projects in EPOKE and the Göttingen Laboratory

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served and we will look at handouts about the different projects going on in EPOKE and the Göttingen Laboratory.

Sue welcomes the Göttingen visitors and Sabine and Karen say a little about the idea and aims for the meeting.

Then use 45 minutes to speak about the posters/projects to the whole audience so as to get to know a little about each other's research group.

10.15-12.30 Anthropology of Policy and Regime Analyses. Concepts, Methods, Modes and Approaches

- Bernd Kasperek and Maria Schwertl on Ethnographic Border Regime Analysis
- Gritt Nielsen on Anthropological approaches to policy, assemblage and figures.
- Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch - Buffet in glass hall
and milling about looking at posters/short tour of DPU

14.00-16.30 Student Mobility: the Globalization of Higher Education, New Subjectivities and movements (30 minute tea break in between)

- Karen Valentin: Citizenship and Educational Migration
- Jakob Williams Ørberg: Creating (links to) 'foreign' worlds in India: Elite engineering student's as agents of globalization.
- Susan Thieme on educational consultancies and institutional structures facilitating / hindering educational migration in Nepal.
- Sue Wright summary note on policy and subjectivity
- Discussion

Walk in Copenhagen (weather permitting) and dinner

Friday

9.15-12.30 Approaches in Critical Migration research (30 min coffee break in between)

- Sabine Hess: overview/introductory note
- Bernd Kasperek: case study
- Sulamith Hamra: case study
- Simona Pagano: case Study
- Miriam Gutekunst: case study
- Discussion

12.30-13.30 Lunch - Buffet in glass hall

13.30 – 14.30

- Fazal Rizvi on Issues of global mobility and education policy (and reactions to points raised in the above sessions)

14.30-15.30

Wrap up: How to grasp and conceptualize emergences, flows and movements (in working groups?)

Göttingen group will suggest a text for all to read before the workshop and to use as a basis for a discussion on how to treat space and time in our research, including theories like assemblage, genealogy and zonality (Ong; zonal citizenship/urban citizenship/union citizenship ...), We would explore theories of globalization, regionalization, forces/movements and where we see differences and usefulness for our research agendas.

Looking forward to any future collaborations? (Moderators: Sue Wright and Sabine Hess)

Participants and Research Interests

EPOKE:

Karen Valentin:

Educational anthropology

Children and youth studies

Migration and mobility (Educational Migration)

Citizenship

Social change, policy and planned development

Regional expertise from Nepal, India, Vietnam and Denmark

Sue Wright

Anthropology of policy, university reform, policy travel.

Grit B. Nielsen:

Figuration Work: Student Participation, Democracy and University Reform in a Global Knowledge Economy

Jakob Williams Ørberg

Indian higher education, Indian Institutes of Technology, policy and imagination work concerned with the advent of the knowledge economy, investment and betting in relation to educational futures.

Hanne Adriansen

Educational mobility and space – (but she unfortunately won't be able to attend)

Laboratory Göttingen:

Sabine Hess

Migration and Border Regime Studies, Gender Studies, Governmentality Studies, Labour and Care, Anthropology of Policy, Transnationalism, Europeanization

Maria Schwertl

Migration and Development, Anthropology of Policy, Material Culture, Economic Anthropology, ANT and Assemblage Theory, Situational Approach

In her recently finished and defended PhD thesis Maria Schwertl looks at the hype on migration and development from a dual perspective: on the one hand she follows its diverse genealogies and trajectories, which she not only finds in the migration and

development regime, but also in changing labour regimes/markets and in developments that go back to the 1990s like NGOisations, transnational governmentalities and a rediscovery of diasporas during the same time. In addition to looking at these trajectories, Maria Schwertl explores the current discourse on migration and development. On the other hand, her PhD project explores the projects and subjectifications of the hype by following two activating projects and two development projects. She reasons that despite its connectivity and network talk, the hype is causing new boundaries like the one between migrants and non-migrants and is also promoting a point of view that sees migrants only as belonging to their country of origin and not their country of residence. Furthermore it carries with it a professionalization and economization of engagements that is changing ethics and practices of migrants and their organizations.

Bernd Kasperek

Transformations of the European Migration and Border Regime, Frontex, Border, Technology, Struggles in Europe's Southeast, Activist Research

Simona Pagano

Migration and Border Regime Studies, Critical Race Studies, Gender Theory, Assemblage Theory, Anthropology of Policy, Postcolonial Theory

Simona Pagano examines in an ethnographic borderregime analysis processes of gendered subjectification within the so-called nomad camps in Rome. These camps can be described as lager-like structures, set up exclusively for the Roma population, controlled by private surveillance services and video-cameras. The research question is in which ways the camp as a specific space and as an aspect of a racist system of domination influences on the formation of gendered subjectivities and how the camp itself is formed as a gendered space. The PhD thesis will draw on an intersectional approach, but also on the concept of assemblage and critical race theory.

Sulamith Hamra

Integration, Knowledge, Urban Migration Regimes, Collaborative Research

Sulamith Hamras' ethnographic regime analysis explores agencies, scopes of action and working practices within the integration project "Stadtteilmütter" (lit. 'neighborhood mothers': migrant women helping other migrant families to 'integrate') in Berlin. She asks how frames like social sector financial structures as well as medial and political discourses about unemployed people and migrants are influencing integration projects. And what kind of working practices develop dealing with them as well as how scopes are being used. Within her PhD project, Sulamith Hamras analyses, what kind of knowledge is (re)-produced within the diverse "Stadtteilmütter" projects and how existing discourses are strategically used or not used by different actors.

Miriam Gutekunst:

Border and Migration Regime Studies, Postcolonial Theory, Gender Studies, Anthropology of Policy, Engaged Anthropology

The PHD project of Miriam Gutekunst is dealing with the meaning of love and marriage in the context of the European Border Regime. In the area of conflict between the individual right to protection of marriage and family and a selective “migration management” by the member states of the European Union, couples where one is a citizen of a “third country” with visa requirement (in this case of Morocco) face different obstacles. The research question of this ethnographic border regime analysis is: Which discourses, politics, narratives and forms of power structure this migration procedure? How are they implemented? And how do migrants perceive, modify and negotiate these norms, categorizations and requirements? Which cases of conflict and resistant strategies arise, and why? Miriam Gutekunst conducted multi-sited ethnographic research within involved institutions like the German Embassy or the Goethe-Institute as well as together with Moroccan people who want to join their partner in Germany.

Participants

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