

# Masculinities



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Im Laufe der letzten zwei bis drei Jahrzehnte hat sich die Männlichkeitsforschung als breites, interdisziplinäres und internationales Forschungsfeld etabliert. Die Cornelia Goethe Colloquien werden sich im Sommersemester 2015 dem Thema *Masculinities* zuwenden.

Der Frankfurter Sportwissenschaftler Robert Gugutzer leitet die Colloquien mit einem Vortrag ein, bei dem es um die Frage nach Leib und Körper in Verbindung mit Männlichkeit geht. Am 13. Mai wird sich der Literaturwissenschaftler John Landreau vom College of New Jersey, USA mit der Frage nach der Repräsentation von Männlichkeit in einem Roman von Junot Diaz beschäftigen. Den Blick auf den Globalen Süden richtend nimmt die international bekannte australische Männlichkeitsforscherin Raewyn Connell perspektivisch eine kritische Metaebene auf US- und eurozentristische Perspektiven der Männlichkeitsforschung ein. Am 10. Juni wird das Thema *Caring Masculinities* diskutiert: Die Soziologinnen Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck (Frankfurt) und Sveva Magaraggia (Rom) richten mit der Anthropologin Hande Birkalan-Gedik (Istanbul) ihren Blick auf Vaterschaft und Männlichkeiten. Am 24. Juni wird Miranda Leontowitsch das Thema Männlichkeit und Alter aus alterssoziologischer Perspektive als Feld der Kontinuität und Veränderung aufgreifen. Schließlich stellt der Marburger Soziologe Christoph Schwarz die Frage nach männlicher Adoleszenz am Beispiel der IS-Propaganda.

*In recent decades men's studies have become an interdisciplinary and international research paradigm. In the summer term the Cornelia Goethe Colloquia will focus on Masculinities. The title hints at a thrilling plurality of theoretical approaches, research topics, and perspectives within men's studies.*

*The colloquia will begin with sports sociologist Robert Gugutzer, who will talk about the meaning of the male body in sports. Literary scholar John Landreau from the College of New Jersey, USA will be next, analyzing the representation of masculinity in a novel by Junot Diaz. A perspective on masculinities from the Global South, outlining a critical meta-perspective on US- and Euro-centric men's studies, will be provided by the internationally distinguished sociologist Raewyn Connell. Coming back to the European context, Sociologist Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck (Frankfurt) and Sveva Magaraggia (Rom) as well as Anthropologist Hande Birkalan-Gedik (Istanbul) will take a look at Fatherhood and Masculinities. Miranda Leontowitsch will focus on ageing and masculinity from a sociological perspective focusing on continuity and change. The colloquia will end with sociologist Christoph Schwarz, who will analyse IS propaganda material with regard to male adolescence and generativity.*

## PROF. ROBERT GUGUTZER

GOETHE-UNIVERSITÄT FRANKFURT AM MAIN

### Sportsucht und Männlichkeit(en)

Körper- und identitätssoziologische Annäherungen

Auch wenn Sport längst keine reine Männerwelt mehr ist, ist er nach wie vor ein soziales Feld, in dem traditionelle männliche Werte und Verhaltensmuster wie Mut, Härte, Kampf, Risikobereitschaft, Aggressivität oder Konkurrenzorientierung einen hohen Stellenwert genießen. Daher ist es auch nicht verwunderlich, dass Sport mehr denn je ein Bereich männlicher Identitätssuche und -stiftung ist. Das zeigt sich nicht zuletzt an dem historisch relativ jungen Phänomen der Sportsucht, von dem mehr Männer als Frauen betroffen zu sein scheinen. Dass der Sport gerade für Männer ein attraktives Suchtfeld darstellt, hat entscheidend mit dessen Körperlichkeit und Leistungsindividualismus zu tun. Als These formuliert: In der Sportsucht artikuliert sich männliche Identitätssuche im Medium von Körper und Leistung. Erste empirische Ergebnisse einer laufenden Studie zu *Suchtkarrieren im Sport* weisen auf unterschiedliche Typen von Männlichkeit hin, die in enger Relation zu den Körperpraktiken und -erfahrungen des jeweils präferierten Sportfeldes (v.a. Fitness-, Ausdauer-, Risikosport) stehen.

ROBERT GUGUTZER ist Professor am Institut für Sportwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main und seit 2009 Leiter der Abteilung *Sozialwissenschaften des Sports*. Er studierte Soziologie, Psychologie und Politikwissenschaften an den Universitäten Tübingen und LMU München, Promotion 2001 im Graduiertenkolleg *Identitätsforschung* an der Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Habilitation 2011 an der Universität Augsburg.



## PROF. JOHN LANDREAU

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

### Reading and Writing across Borders

Figuring Masculinity in Junot Diaz's:  
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

In dialogue with the versatile notion of orientation in feminist phenomenology, this talk focuses on the representation of gender and place in novels about immigrant experience. The talk is comparative, with a particular emphasis on the representation of masculinity in Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* - a novel that takes place on and across multiple borders, and is narrated in and across multiple genres and languages. One of the most interesting aspects of novels about immigrant experience has to do with the diverse ways they orient their implied readers within the world of shared literary inhabitation and, simultaneously, with the ways their narrators and characters apprehend and navigate the world they now share with *non-immigrants*, that is with those whose *histories of arrival* are different from theirs. Gender, in this context, becomes a fascinating point of contact and negotiation.

**JOHN LANDREAU** is Professor at the College of New Jersey and teaches full-time in the Women's and Gender Faculty since 2004. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1995 in Latin American Literature. His current research interest is in men and masculinities, and he is at present working on a project on the rhetoric of American masculinity from the beginning of the war in Vietnam through the post-9/11 period. The project focuses on the cultural logic of masculinity in four significant discursive locations - novel, life-writing, popular film, and presidential rhetoric.



## PROF. RAEWYN CONNELL

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

### Masculinities in the World: Perspectives from the Global South

Familiar approaches to understanding masculinities and men's gender practices are mainly built on concepts and research developed in the Global North. To understand masculinities on a world scale, we cannot simply extrapolate such ideas to a global scale. World society is marked by massive inequalities, different historical trajectories, and a deep history of colonialism over the last 500 years. Not only perspectives from the Global South but also the intellectual resources of postcolonial societies must now be considered in understanding masculinities. This lecture will introduce some of the thinkers, historical experiences and contemporary issues needed in building new understandings.

**RAEWYN CONNELL** is Professor Emerita at the University of Sydney, and one of Australia's leading social scientists. Her most recent books in English are *Southern Theory* (2007), about social thought beyond the global metropole; *Confronting Equality* (2011), about social science and politics; and *Gender: In World Perspective* (3rd edn, with Rebecca Pearse, 2015). Her other books include *Masculinities*, *Schools & Social Justice*, *Ruling Class Ruling Culture*, *Gender & Power*, and *Making the Difference*. Her work has been translated into eighteen languages. She has taught in departments of sociology, political science, and education, and is a long-term participant in the labour movement and peace movement.



## Changing Fatherhood(s), Changing Masculinity(ies)

### DR. EWA PALENGA-MÖLLENBECK

GOETHE-UNIVERSITÄT FRANKFURT AM MAIN

#### The outsourcing of *male* domestic work and *unequal fatherhoods*

The presentation will look at fatherhood in the context of the so-called *handy-men phenomenon* - i.e., the outsourcing of *male* domestic work by upper and middle class families to migrant workers. In Germany, these migrants are mostly Poles; for at least 20 years, they have been dominating the supply side of a firmly established semi-legal market for domestic work. I will address the question how this phenomenon is related to a new form of intra-European inequality. It turns out that the luxury of *quality time* for children and the ostentatiously gender-equal lifestyle of German fathers in fact heavily rely on the precarious living and working conditions of Polish fathers and the *strange non-death* of a marked gender inequality within their own families back home.



EWA PALENGA-MÖLLENBECK is post-doc at the Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main. She published widely in books and international journals on gender, care and migration, and is currently preparing the edited volume *Family Life in an Age of Migration and Mobility: Global Perspectives through the Life Course* (to be published in 2016) together with Majella Kilkey (University of Sheffield).

### PROF. HANDE BIRKALAN-GEDIK

YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL

#### *Partial Accounts: Masculinity and Fatherhood among Men with Turkish Migration History in Germany*

This lecture presents a chunk of my on-going research in Germany, where I had been working with fathers with a migration background from Turkey. Situated at the intersection between the *new fatherhood* debate and the migration from Turkey to Germany, today's presentation focuses on different responses to and experiences of masculinity and fatherhood as they are *extracted* and *interpreted* in the framework of an intersubjective dialogue. Specifically, while maintaining

an inter-generational perspective, I aim to analyze the subjective accounts of fathers and the ways in which they respond to different claims of the *politics* of fatherhood and masculinity vis-à-vis the German State, NGOs and fatherhood programs, cultural, social and religious contexts, both in Germany and in Turkey.

HANDE BIRKALAN-GEDIK is Professor of Anthropology, Folklore and Gender Studies at Yeditepe University Department of Anthropology in Istanbul. She studied in the USA where she received her dual MA degrees and her Ph.D. in Folklore, Anthropology and Gender Studies. She is currently a guest Professor of sociology and gender studies at the Goethe-University in Frankfurt.



### DR. SVEVA MAGARAGGIA

UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE

#### *Do we need a crisis to undo fatherhood and motherhood regimes?*

This lecture investigates situations in which struggles to make sense of new necessities against the background of increasingly inadequate models of parenthood can lead to innovative practices. Focusing on parents with children of 0-3 years of age, I examine how and why new parenting practices come up against, and problematize normative notions of parenthood and, by extension, of gender and care. The research suggests not only that gendered norms about parenting and care persist, but that only a *crisis* driven by exogenous factors seems to generate changes endogenous to families. It seems that without structural necessity the gendered division of parenting, the Italian *fatherhood and motherhood regimes* are likely to remain unchallenged.

SVEVA MAGARAGGIA is Lecturer at the University of Roma Tre. She received her PhD in Applied Sociology and Research Methods at the University of Milan-Bicocca. In 2012 she was awarded with the *Endeavour Research Fellowship* of the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and conducted research on media representations of gender relations in parenting practices in Sydney.



## DR. MIRANDA LEONTOWITSCH

GOETHE-UNIVERSITÄT FRANKFURT AM MAIN

### Altern ist nicht nur weiblich –

Das hohe Alter als Feld neuer Maskulinität

Der Prozess des Alterns wird für Männlichkeit oft als Bedrohung beschrieben. Besonders der Übergang in den Ruhestand wird als Zäsur des sozialen, ökonomischen und produktiven Rollenverständnisses gesehen. Dieser Statusverlust geht mit körperlichen und gesundheitlichen Veränderungen einher. Durch den Rückzug in die häusliche Sphäre, die vermehrt durch Frauen sozial, emotional und physisch gestaltet worden ist, kommt es im Alter zu einer gegenseitigen Annäherung der Geschlechtscharaktere, was auch als eine Feminisierung älterer Männer beschrieben wird. Diesem Diskurs des Verfalls an Männlichkeit liegen zwei zentrale theoretischen Modelle zugrunde: die der hegemonialen Männlichkeit und eine klassische Defizitperspektive auf das Alter. Wie gesellschaftliche Veränderungen in Bezug auf Alter, Altern und Gender bereits in den Biographien jetziger Ruheständler von Bedeutung sind und somit Männlichkeit(en) prägen, wird dabei oft übersehen. Der Vortrag wird aus alterssoziologischer Perspektive Gegenentwürfe zeichnen, die Männlichkeit im Alter als Feld der Kontinuität und Veränderung deuten.

**MIRANDA LEONTOWITSCH** ist wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin im Arbeitsbereich Interdisziplinäre Alternswissenschaften an der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main. Zuvor war sie zwölf Jahre in England wissenschaftlich tätig: Promotion in Soziologie an der Royal Holloway University of London, Research Fellow am University College London und Lecturer an der St George's University of London. Ihr Forschungsinteresse umfasst die Altersforschung mit den Schwerpunkten Männer, Gesundheit und Frühverrentung aus soziologischer Perspektive sowie qualitative Forschungsmethoden.



## DR. CHRISTOPH SCHWARZ

PHILIPPS-UNIVERSITÄT MARBURG

### Generations nursed on the Milk of Humiliation:

Masculinity and Generational Narratives in the Propaganda of the Islamic State

The Islamic State is the first jihadist organization to successfully recruit hundreds of German citizens, most of them young men. Apart from personal networks, online propaganda such as video statements and reports appear to be an important medium for this recruitment. The most salient German IS fighter in this regard is Denis Cuspert. Some years ago he had attempted a career as a gangsta rapper under the name Deso Dogg – a fact that he now employs as proof of authenticity in his propaganda videos, in order to testify against the decadence of Western society and to convey a story of *finding the right way and straightening out*.

My talk traces the tropes of manhood and male generativity in Cuspert's video performances before and after his joining IS, in order to analyze the masculinity constructions and generational narratives implicit in current IS propaganda material and to discuss their potential appeal to male adolescents in the German context.

**CHRISTOPH SCHWARZ** is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Marburg. Presently he is working on intergenerational relations and the transmission of historical narratives in the biographies of young political protesters in Morocco, Tunisia and Spain. His book on adolescence in a Palestinian refugee camp was recently published at VS Springer.





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