Methodology Lab:
“Spatialising Culture: Methods and Approaches to Studying Space”

Date: 16th -17th May 2018
Venue: International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (Alter Steinbacher Weg 38), Giessen, Germany

Wednesday, 16th May:

9:30 – 10:00 – Registration

10:00 – 10:15 – Welcome and opening words

10:15 – 12:30 – Panel I: Migrations, borders and minority issues
Introduction and comments: Prof. Dr. Andreas Langenohl (Professor in Sociology, Justus Liebig University, Giessen)
Karl-Heinz Gmehling (Jan Evangelista Purkyně University, ÚstÍ nad Labem): Spatial Constructions in the Literature of German-Speaking Authors of Czechoslovak Origin
Kim Kannler (University of Duisburg-Essen): Visibility of ‘Work’ and ‘the Worker’ in Mediated Urban Space
Mikhail Garder (Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow): Spatialising the Homeless in Moscow: Who are the Spatialised Actors?
Mina Ibrahim (Justus Liebig University, Giessen): “For Where Two or Three Gather” Contesting the Victimisation of Coptic Christian Spaces in Egypt

12:30 – 13:45 – Lunch break

13:45 – 16:15 – Panel II: Urban spaces in global context
Introduction and comments: Dr. Mateusz Laszczkowski (Assistant Professor in Political and Economic Anthropology, University of Warsaw)
Adam Gorka (Pavel Jozef Šafárik University, Košice): One Picture Equals A Thousand Words. Understanding the Morphological Changes in a Post-Socialist City Using Geographic Information System and Virtual 3D City Model
Agnes Dudych (Pavel Jozef Šafarik University, Košice / Bauhaus-Universität, Weimar): Urban Development in Czechoslovakia in the 1960s
Laura Meneghello (University of Siegen): Communication Technology and Imagined Urban Spaces
Elvira Khairullina (University of Valladolid): Planning Urban and Transport Models in the Eastern Europe and the USSR: Tramways in Socialist Urban Planning in the 1960-70s
**Ksenia Eltsova** (Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow): *Digital Spaces of Elitism: Discursive Construction of Social Distinction through lenses of urban space (Case Study of Moscow’s Representations in Russian New Media, 2010s)*

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee break

16:30 – 18:15 – **Panel III: Environment, landscape and conflict**  
*Introduction and comments: Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann* (Executive Director of the Geographical Institute, Justus Liebig University, Giessen)  
**Gerrit Lange** (University of Marburg): *Central Himalayan Nāgs as Guardians of Water Resources*  
**Jenny Garcia Ruales** (University of Marburg): *Subaltern Urbanism in the Slum of Dharavi in Mumbai, India*  
**Omer Sharir** (University of Michigan): *Formation of Settler-Colonial Racial Order on the Frontiers of Zionist Settlement in Palestine 1905-1939*

**Thursday, 17th May:**

09:00 – 11:30 – **Panel IV: National spaces and territoriality**  
*Introduction and comments: Dr. Steffi Marung* (Senior Researcher at the Global and European Studies Institute, University of Leipzig)  
**Arnab Dutta** (University of Groningen): *Culture, Civilisation, and the Borderscapes: The Cultural Geography of Continental Europe in the Bengali Imagination, 1919-45*  
**Szabolcs Laszlo** (Indiana University, Bloomington): *The World is Open for Play: Critical Assessment of Regions as Units of Historical Analysis*  
**Martin Berthold** (University of Potsdam): *Perception of Space and Borders in the Diaries of Christian II of Anhalt-Bernburg*  
**Zhana Mylogorodska** (University of Leipzig): *Discourses on Regional Divisions of Ukraine*

11:30 – 11:45 – Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 – **Roundtable discussion** (Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, Dr. Mateusz Laszczkowski and Dr. Steffi Marung)

13:15 – Closing words