Wintersemester 2017/18
Unikurse für Flüchtlinge in den Sozialwissenschaften

Im Rahmen der Initiative der Humboldt-Universität
Places of Migration in Berlin

This research-oriented bilingual (English and Farsi/Dari) seminar aims to deal with places of migration toward a cartographic understanding of migrant communities in Berlin. Students and refugees in this course will learn about city, urbanisation, space, migration and in order to explore the urban spaces in Berlin.

Migration changes a city and its spatiotemporality. Acknowledging migration in a city and consider it as a city of migration assumes that migration is no longer a deviation but the norm. Migrants and particularly refugees represents an important complexity of the current societies. They engage and contribute to the future of the city through their interactions and imaginaries that can be traced in place-building projects.

Each participant in the seminar will focus on one community of migrants in Berlin and contribute to a spatial understanding of that community by providing a cartography of its places in Berlin. Of particular interest are place-building projects and the everyday struggle of migrants regarding them. This cartographic knowledge of migration will be presented in the seminar and be discussed in larger context of migration in Germany.

This seminar is in line with the previous seminars from Berlin in dialogue initiative working toward a spatial understanding of refugees in Berlin. It will benefit from the previous attendance with refugee background as the facilitator of research in the seminar. The spatial narratives of participants will be presented on a specific website that is designed for this research-seminar.

**Course languages:** English and Farsi
**Course time:** Wednesday: 16:00-18:00 (start: 18 October 2017)
**Location:** room K12b (basement floor), Institute for Social Sciences, Universitätsstr. 3b, 10117 Berlin
**Course number:** 53371
**Course tutors:** Raana Ghazanfarpoor Raana.gh@gmail.com Nader Talebi talebina@hu-berlin.de
Gendered Public Space

The seminar is designed to explore the range of gendered analysis of built environment in the culturally diverse context of Berlin with a hybrid and interdisciplinary approach spanning Sociology, Architecture, Philosophy, Literature, Geography and Urban Planning.

The first part of the seminars will be dedicated to Space, body and gender, their political, socio-economic and cultural dimensions and their interdependent and multilayered relationships to see where each feeds the other. It will encompass analysis of femininities and masculinities in relation to place.

The second part of the seminars will focus on the complex and multi-layered sphere of influences of gender. It will also consider the connection or the interdependencies between gender and following topics.

Gender, diversity and multiculturalism will be the central themes of our focus in this part for understanding the relation between gender identity, the city of Berlin and its development. It assess the process of involvement or non-involvement of migrants from developing countries living in post-colonial western European society of Berlin from the perspective of gender relations.

The seminars will be followed by a practical part as course project which students have to put theories into practice and develop a portrait of Berlin through interviews, observations and based on the methods will be discussed in the seminars simultaneously based on personal interests and group dynamic.

Course languages: English and Arabic.
Course time: Mondays : 14:00-16:00 (start: 23 October 2017)
Location: room K12a (basement floor), Institute for Social Sciences, Universitätsstr. 3b, 10117 Berlin
Course number: 53370
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