

BEYOND MULTICULTURALISM? Envisioning the Immigration Society

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Opening with a keynote speech by Arjun Appadurai, New York University
and a film-lecture by Hito Steyerl

Globalization versus nation: The growing momentum of global migration presents an ongoing challenge to the notion of national cultures. The reality of many immigrant societies today is characterized by this tension. The conference asks what current and sustainable models exist for the increasingly diverse immigration societies of the present and future. The model of multiculturalism which classified people according to their descent and thus turning them into “foreigners” within the majority society seems outdated. How can the model of “super-diversity”, which takes into account immigration patterns, legal status, multilingualism, age, education and gender, aid in the understanding and design of immigrant societies for tomorrow?

A concept, which tries to conceive today's societies and their migrant populations with an inner complexity that exceeds anything we have known to date. What action is needed? What policies need to be put into place? What does growing diversity in societies mean to political and cultural institutions? What impact does this diversity have on the understanding of culture in Germany and Europe?

The international conference discusses these questions with experts from academia, culture and politics.

An event in the series „1989 – 2009. 20 Years of the Haus der Kulturen der Welt“

The topics

Multiculturalism vs. “Super-Diversity”? New Theoretical Perspectives in the Post-Ethnic Age | Immigration Country Germany – An Inventory of the Migration Debate | Models and Experiences of Immigration Societies – An International Perspective | Policy for the Day After Tomorrow? Party-Political Policies on Migration | Everything Completely Different? What the U.S. and Europe can Learn From Each Other | Ensuring Participation – What Policy is Needed for the Immigration Society? | Cultures in Motion – How do National Institutions Come to Terms with Transnational Culture? | Final discussion: Beyond Multiculturalism – Challenges for the Immigration Society

Free Admittance

German-English simultaneous translation

Participants at the conference

Steffen Angenendt (German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin) | Filipa César (artist, Lisbon/Berlin) | Nevim Çil (migration scholar, Berlin) | Sevim Dağdelen (Member of the German Bundestag, The Left Party) | Wilson Fusco (Fundação Joaquim Nabuco, Brazil) | Jorge Gracia (State University of New York, Buffalo) | David Hollinger (UC Berkeley) | Serhat Karakayali (amira, Berlin) | Ian Kemish (Australia's Ambassador to Germany) | Mely Kiyak (author and journalist, Berlin) | Ruud Koopmans (Social Science Research Center Berlin) | Cilly Kugelman (Jewish Museum Berlin) | Stephan Lanz (Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder) | Mekonnen Mesghena (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Berlin) | Wilfried N'Sondé (musician and author, Berlin) | Günter Piening (Commissioner of Integration and Migration, Berlin Senate) | Ayça Polat (Commissioner of Integration, City of Oldenburg) | Raed Saleh (Berlin House of Representatives, SPD) | Yasemin Soysal (University of Essex) | Hito Steyerl (filmmaker and university professor, Berlin) | Rita Süßmuth (former President of the German Bundestag and since 2006, Chair of the “EU High Level Group on Social Integration of Ethnic Minorities and their full Participation in the Labor Market”, Berlin) | Mark Terkessidis (migration researcher and journalist, Cologne/Berlin) | Steven Vertovec (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen) | Michael Werz (Transatlantic Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the USA, Washington DC) | Franziska Woellert (Berlin-Institute for Population and Development) | Kofi Yakpo (German Bundestag, Berlin)

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