

Call for Papers – International Workshop:

**“Intersectionality and Interdisciplinarity – Challenges, Perspectives, Chances”**

February 6 and 7, 2020 at Trier University

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This workshop aims to explore the diverse paths intersectionality has been taking in activist movements, critical academia, and empowerment pedagogy. First coined in 1989 by legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw, the notion of intersectional oppressions, however, goes back at least to 19<sup>th</sup> century's black feminist movements. Following this tradition, we consider intersectionality not equal to a traditional field of study (Bilge, 2009), but as analytical instrument (such as proposed by Winker/Degele, 2009) as well as “important tool linking theory with praxis that can aid in the empowerment of communities and individuals” (Hill Collins/Bilge, 2016, 36). In the workshop, we want to familiarize students with historical as well as contemporary negotiations and contestations of the concept of intersectionality. We will discuss 1) how categories are constructed in various transforming intersectional frameworks, 2) how intersectionality is positioned in a network of critical fields, e.g. postcolonial theory and queer studies (Dietze/Haschemi Yekani et al., 2012), and 3) how intersectional methodologies can be implemented in the various disciplines of our research.

The workshop will take place on February 6 and 7, 2020 at Trier University. It is open to the public and particularly welcomes graduate students from social sciences and humanities. A reader with basic texts and relevant literature for the workshop will be provided in advance. Please register for your participation by **January 24, 2020** via e-mail to Charlotte Kaiser ([charlotte.kaiser@uni-saarland.de](mailto:charlotte.kaiser@uni-saarland.de)). Upon registration, we kindly ask you to submit an abstract of your current research project (max. 500 words), including a short reflection on the role that intersectionality plays in your research concerning content and methodology. Abstracts can be submitted in English or German. For further information, please contact Diana Thiesen ([thiesen@uni-trier.de](mailto:thiesen@uni-trier.de)).

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