CONCEPT

Sharing a common interest in urban studies, the Forum Urban Spaces, the project Mobile Spaces and the HERA project SINGLE have joined hands in organising a series of events on urbanity. A varied collection of lectures and film screenings will highlight different disciplinary and regional approaches to this dynamic field of study that is also part of the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies’ (HCTS) Initiative on Urban Spaces.

Project SINGLE explores new cultural geographies of gendered urban space in Delhi and Shanghai. Funded by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area), it follows an interdisciplinary approach linking researchers from across Europe and Asia.

http://herasingle.uni-hd.de

Forum Urban Spaces connects research on urbanisms across disciplines and regional foci. It is led by Christiane Brosius, Chair of Visual and Media Anthropology at Heidelberg University, in collaboration with Hans Harder, Professor of Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures at the South Asia Institute, and is coordinated by Dr. Marie Sander.

http://urbanspaces.uni-hd.de

Mobile Spaces traces ways in which understandings of cities of the ‘global South’ and the ‘global North’ can be explored together. The project is headed by Christiane Brosius, Ulrike Gerhard, Professor for Human Geography of North America and Beatrix Busse, Professor of English Linguistics, all at Heidelberg University.

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PROGRAMME

Monday, May 5
3 pm to 4 pm
Lecture: Prof. Aparna Rayaprol: “Return Migration and the Transformation of Hyderabad City”
Venue: KJC Library
(please register with sander@asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de)

Tuesday, May 6
7 pm
Seminar Film Series: “At Home in the City”
Filmtitle: “Transfusión” (2013)
introduced by: Robert Lemon
Venue: KJC Room 212

Wednesday, May 16
10.30 am to 5.30 pm
Workshop: “The Vernacular City: Urbanism in Modern and Contemporary Literature and Film from South Asia”
Venue: KJC Library
(please register with H.Harder@uni-heidelberg.de)

Friday, May 16
10.30 am to 5.30 pm
Workshop: “The Vernacular City: Urbanism in Modern and Contemporary Literature and Film from South Asia”
Venue: KJC Room 212

Tuesday, June 3
7 pm
Seminar Film Series: “At Home in the City”
Filmtitle: “Last Train Home” (2009)
Venue: KJC Room 212

Thursday, June 5
6 pm
Venue: SAI Room z10

Tuesday, June 17
7 pm
Seminar Film Series: “At Home in the City”
introduced by: Prof. Nadja-Christina Schneider
Venue: KJC Room 212

Tuesday, July 15
7 pm
Seminar Film Series: “At Home in the City”
Filmtitle: “Last Train Home” (2009)
Venue: KJC Room 212

Guest Speakers

Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider
is Junior Professor for Mediality and Intermediality in Asian and African Societies at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and currently a Fellow at the HCTS. She specialises in processes of medialisation and sociocultural change in South Asia and debates on Islam and Gender. While in Heidelberg, she works on film, protest and urban space.

Prof. Dr. Sujata Patel
is Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad and specialises in the areas of social theory, political sociology and urban sociology. She is Series Editor of Studies in Contemporary Society (Oxford, India), Cities and the Urban Imperative (Routledge, India) and Sage Studies in International Sociology.

Prof. Dr. Aparna Rayaprol
holds a position at the Department of Sociology and is Director of the Study in India Program, University of Hyderabad. Her areas of interest include gender studies, Indian diaspora, qualitative research methods and urban sociology.

Robert Lemon
is a lecturer in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at University of California, Berkeley. He is also a documentary filmmaker and produced his first films on urban food cultures.