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Call for Papers

To all interested Masters and PhD candidates

Deadline: March 7th

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Transcultural Studies Student Conference

We are happy to announce that on May 10, 2019, the Cluster of Excellence: *Asia and Europe in a Global Context* will be holding its second Transcultural Studies Student Conference at Heidelberg University, exclusively aimed for and managed by Masters and PhD students who are performing research employing or relating to transcultural theory.

Founded in 2007, the Cluster provides excellent academic facilities and prospects, especially for young scholars, through its MA in Transcultural Studies. To further the international discourse on Transcultural Studies, students at the cluster have taken the initiative to organize a conference titled: *Voices of Dissent: Transculturality and Activism*.

The goal of this annual student conference in Transcultural Studies is to provide a conference space in which advanced students of all fields and places can meet and engage in discourse that would enhance our collective understanding of our emerging methodological outlook.

The conference will include a keynote address by Dr. Cathrine Bublatzky, Assistant Professor of Visual and Media Anthropology at the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies.

Our Philosophy

Our outlook is based on the perspective that cultures are not contained within ethnically closed, linguistically homogenous and territorially bounded spheres. Instead they are constituted as a process through transformations and entanglements that follow from contacts and relationships between various agents, concepts and institutions. This process is called “Transculturation”. Transcultural Studies combine methodological and theoretical approaches from a broad spectrum of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

2019: Voices of Dissent: Transculturality and Activism

The Heidelberg Center for Transcultural Studies (HCTS) was established in October 2007. The institute's projects dispute the premise that cultures are homogeneous, self-contained entities and aim to re-examine the formation of cultural boundaries, the processes of their formation, and their role in academic discourse. Whether it is used as a theoretical framework or as a methodology, transcultural theories encourage the reconsideration of old paradigms while simultaneously opening a space for dissent with dominant discourses. To what extent do these voices of dissent amount to a form of activism or become agents of change? Conversely, how do developments in contemporary politics and culture inform or shape our academic discourse?

For our 2019 student conference *Voices of Dissent: Transculturality and Activism*, we invite paper proposals that utilize transcultural theories to address the above questions either in a contemporary or a historical context. We welcome submissions from fields such as history, cultural studies, political science, gender studies, media studies, art history, anthropology, religious studies, and any other disciplinary (or interdisciplinary) possibilities that may identify with the transcultural ethos or find utility in its theories. In addition to the traditional format of oral presentation, we aspire to create a platform of innovation and experimentation with our conference and thus are open to proposals of unconventional formats. If you are interested in such an alternative mode of presentation, please include an additional statement detailing your vision, format, and logistical requirements, so that we may make arrangements accordingly. Please note that the maximum amount of reimbursement for each participant remains the same regardless of your choice of format.

Submissions

To apply for the conference, please fill out the following google form available at <https://goo.gl/forms/WnBYgp05HreofM1q1> by **March 7th**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by **April 1st**. Once accepted, presenters need to confirm their participation by **April 8th** and provide a summary of their presentation (up to 1,500 words) by **April 18th**. The conference itself will take place on **May 10th** at the Heidelberg Center for Transcultural Studies in Heidelberg, Germany.

Potential Funding

We offer each presenter a maximum of 150 euro of reimbursement: up to 100 euro for travel and up to 50 euro for accommodation. The final amount of reimbursement will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and receipts must be presented for successful reimbursement. Additionally, homestay arrangements with student volunteers may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please direct any questions or inquiries to mats@stura.uni-heidelberg.de.