

Making (a) Difference  
Intergenerational Conversations on  
Intimate Relations and Transformation

Workshop Programme

October 25-28, 2023  
Chair of Social Anthropology  
University of Bayreuth

Wednesday, October 25

Arrival of Participants

7pm

Welcome Dinner (self-pay) at Manns Bräu, Friedrichstraße 23, 95444 Bayreuth

Thursday, October 26

9-9.30am

Registration, Coffee & Tea

9.30-10.15am

**Welcome Remarks & Introduction**

Erdmute Alber & University Representatives

10.15-11.15am

**Bayreuth Social Anthropology Plenary**

Anna Madeleine Ayeh, Tabea Häberlein,  
Lena Kroeker, Jeannett Martin & Hannah Schild

Chair: Erdmute Alber

Discussant: Perveez Mody

11:15-11:30am

Coffee & Tea

11.30-12.30pm

**Parallel Panel Sessions**

Main Room

**The Power of Difference (I)**

Julia Pauli: "Returned to Sender. Intimate  
Estrangement and the Politics of  
Difference in a Migrant Mexican  
Community"

Side Room

**Difference in Time (I)**

Judith Schachter: "Taking the Children:  
Foster Care and Native Hawaiian  
Kinship"

Main Room

Ulrike Schultz: "Negotiating Difference, Commonalities and Relationships. Reflections on Thirty Years Fieldwork Experience in Kenya and Sudan"

Chair: Melina Kalfelis  
Discussant & Summary: Susan McKinnon

Side Room

Rosalie Stolz: "Life and Death of Houses. Temporalities of Dwelling and Social Belonging in Northern Laos"

Chair: Susanne Lachenicht  
Discussant & Summary: Jeanette Edwards

12:30-1.30pm

Lunch Buffet

1.30-2.30pm

**Parallel Panel Sessions**

Main Room

**The Power of Difference (II)**

Janet Carsten: "Producing and Dissolving Difference through Marriage: A Politics of Intimacy, Ethics and Time"

Megha Amrith: "State-produced Difference in Domestic Spaces: Intimate Boundaries in the Lives of Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore and Hong Kong"

Chair: Melina Kalfelis  
Discussant & Summary: Susan McKinnon

Side Room

**Difference in Time (II)**

Sjaak van der Geest: "Did I Make a Difference? End-of-Life Musings"

Magdalena Suerbaum: "Drawing a Beautiful Picture of Syria? Syrian parents' Perspectives on Sharing Memories with their Children in Displacement"

Chair: Susanne Lachenicht  
Discussant & Summary: Jeanette Edwards

2:30-3pm

Coffee & Tea

3-3:45pm

**Plenary Discussion: Power, Time and Difference, in Conversation**

Chair: Astrid Bochow  
Summaries: Susan McKinnon & Jeanette Edwards

3.45-4.45pm

**Informal Academic Conversations on Difference**

Hannah Schild & Anna Madeleine Ayeh

4.45-5.15pm

Coffee & Tea

5.15-5.45pm

**Founding an EASA Network on Kinship / Intimate Relations (optional)**

Koreen Reece

7pm

Dinner (optional, self-pay) at Oskar's, Maximilianstraße 33, 95444 Bayreuth

Friday, October 27

9.30-11.00am

**Methods Lab:**

**Sensing, Studying, and 'Translating' Differences in Ethnographic Research Processes**

Magdalena Suerbaum & Koreen Reece

11.00-11.15am

Coffee & Tea

11.15-1.00pm

**Parallel Panel Sessions**

Main Room

**The Ethics of Difference (I)**

Yvan Droz: "Marriage (In)Difference: Is there a Gender Difference in Woman-Woman Marriage among the Kikuyu?"

Side Room

**Difference & Care (I)**

Erik Bähre: "The Ethics of Intergenerational Solidarity: Confrontations with Healthcare, Insurance and Kinship in Brazil"

Main Room

Ammara Maqsood: "The Value of Maintaining Difference: Friendships between Hindus and Muslims in Karachi"

Serawit Debele: "A Prostitute and/or a Social Critic? Witnessing (In)Differences with Intimacy"

Chair: Jia Hui Lee  
Discussant & Summary: Akua Opokua Britwum

Side Room

Victoria Muinde: "A Share of My Children: Gender Difference and Competing Ideologies of Care in a Matrilineal Southern Coastal Community in Kenya"

Emilija Zabaliute: "Intimate Vulnerabilities: Familial Care, Moralism and Public Health in Delhi"

Chair: Clarisse Tama  
Discussant & Summary: Tatjana Thelen

1:00-2:00pm

Lunch (Mensa) & Campus Tour

1.30-2.30pm

**Parallel Panel Sessions**

Main Room

**The Ethics of Difference (II)**

Lotte Meinert: "Differences in the Making: Reflections on Defrosting Stereotypes and Filming Ik Bride Wealth Practices in Uganda"

Norah Kiereri: "Dilemmas of Difference: The Respectable Lives of Middle-Class Divorced Women in Nairobi"

Chair: Jia Hui Lee  
Discussant & Summary: Akua Opokua Britwum

Side Room

**Difference & Care (II)**

Cati Coe: "Not Seeing Paid Care: The Politics and Practices of Hiding New Forms of Elder Care in Ghana"

Edwin Ameso: "Channelling and Harnessing Ideals of a Healthy Nation: Networks of Care and Repair in Public Health in Kenya"

Chair: Clarisse Tama  
Discussant & Summary: Tatjana Thelen

3-3.30pm

Coffee & Tea

3.30-4:15pm

**Plenary Discussion: Ethics, Care and Difference in Conversation**

Chair: Lena Kroeker

Summaries: Akua Opokua Britwum & Tatjana Thelen

4.15-4.45pm

**Informal Academic Conversations on Difference**

Hannah Schild & Anna Madeleine Ayeh

4.45-5pm

Coffee & Tea

5-6pm

**Synopsis & Plenary Discussion**

Chair: Tabea Häberlein

Discussants: Erdmute Alber, Megha Amrith, Janet Carsten, Melina Kalfelis, Susanne Lachenicht, Julia Pauli, Tatjana Thelen

7pm

Dinner Buffet & Conference Party

**Saturday, October 28**

10am-2pm

**Knowing Difference, Doing Differently  
Guided Walking Tour to Fantaisie Castle**

incl. Lunch Break (self-pay)

Guides: Lena Kroeker & Hannah Schild