



Colloquium: “Reversing the Gaze: Concepts without borders”

Fall semester 2022 (September-December 2022)

The colloquium “Reversing the Gaze” is an interdisciplinary forum to reflect on methodological, conceptual and theoretical issues related to knowledge production in Area Studies and comparative social sciences.

In this semester, the colloquium will discuss the changes socio-scientific analytical concepts undergo to be able to render phenomena intelligible in different settings. The standard assumption according to which concepts, when properly used, are independent of context has come under massive critique, especially within the context of postcolonial and decolonial critiques. But does this mean that concepts are hopelessly tied to context and are bearers of normative assumptions? What happens with analytical concepts when they travel from one historical or regional context to another? What is gained – and what is lost? And (why) should we make concepts crossing borders at all?

Programme

Monday, 26.09.2022, 12:30-14:00 CET	“Knowledge: Values and validity”	Elísio Macamo (Centre for African Studies Basel/Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel)
Monday, 10.10.2022, 12:30-14:00 CET	“Traveling theory: The potentials and limitations of ideas as they ‘travel’”	Harshana Rambukwella (Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University of Sri Lanka)
Monday, 17.10.2022, 10:00-16:00 CET	Workshop: “Researching the un/familiar”	Details: www.zasb.unibas.ch/en/un-familiar
Monday, 21.11.2022, 12:30-14:00 CET	“Towards non-representational concept-making”	Rose Marie Beck (Institute of African Studies, Universität Leipzig)
Monday, 05.12.2022, 12:30-14:00 CET	Review session	Ralph Weber (Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel)

The colloquium takes place online via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please register via the registration form: www.reversingthegaze.net/colloquium/registration

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