

Multiculturalism and Beyond

Identity Politics, Cultural Difference, and Hybridity in the Americas



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 22

- 10:00-10:45 **Welcome Address:** (Plenary Room)
Jörg Bergmann, ZiF, Managing Director
Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld), **Josef Raab** (Duisburg-Essen), **Sebastian Thies** (Bielefeld)
Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld) & **Sebastian Thies** (Bielefeld): The Field of Identity Politics in Processes of Transnationalization: New Identities, Medialization, and Spatialization in the Americas
- 10:45-12:00 **Keynote Lecture:** (Plenary Room)
Chair: Josef Raab (Duisburg-Essen)
María Herrera-Sobek (Santa Barbara): Barbed Wire Iconography in Chicano/a Art: Aesthetic Activism Against the Drive to Stop Multiculturalism at the Border
- 12:00-13:30 - *Lunch* -
- 13:30-15:30 **Section I: Questioning Paradigms of Multiculturalism in the United States and Canada**
(Plenary Room) – Chair: Robert A. Molina (Anthony, NM)
Sherrow O. Pinder (Chico): Multiculturalism and the Problematics of Recognition in the United States
Sheri Dorn-Giarmoleo (Claremont): How Is a Multicultural Student Transformed into a Multicapital Prototype?
Mihaela Vieru (Ottawa): Wither Multiculturalism in Canada?: The Turn That Challenges Postmodernity
- 13:30-15:30 **Section II: Literary Multiculturalism**
(Long Table Room) – Chair: Stefanie Boens (Duisburg-Essen)
Aishih Wehbe-Herrera (La Laguna): “A History Teacher [Who] Calls Himself Chicano”: Negotiating Borders, Masculinity, and Ethnicity in Ana Castillo’s *The Guardians*
Liamar Durán Almarza (Oviedo): Dominicans from ‘Here’ and ‘There’: Transcultural Ethnicity on Stage
Luz Angélica Kirschner (Bielefeld): Sigrid Nunez’ *A Feather on the Breath of God*: Multicultural Identity in the Americas
- 15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -
- 16:00-18:00 **Section III: Questioning Paradigms of Multiculturalism in Latin America**
(Plenary Room) – Chair: Daniela Opitz (Bielefeld)
Leila Bijos (Brasilia): Multiculturalism and Ethnic Communities in the Americas
Scheduled: Friday, 16.00
Capucine Boidin (Paris): Mestizaje y multiculturalismo vistos desde los intelectuales y campesinos paraguayos de hoy

Gisella Díaz Azofeifa (San José de Costa Rica): Pueblos Indígenas en Costa Rica y políticas de reconocimiento: una aproximación crítica al paradigma del multiculturalismo

16:00-18:00 **Section IV: Interactions with Colonialism and Decolonization**

(Long Table Room) – Chair: Salvador Millaleo (Santiago/Bielefeld)

Olaf Berg (Hamburg): The Zapatista Politics of History: Reconfiguring the Role of Indigenous Tradition in National Culture

Alejandra Bottinelli Wolleter (Santiago de Chile): Construir un sujeto, ensayar una nación: letrados, racismo y poder en el sur americano

Christian Büschges (Bielefeld): Tolerance versus Segregation? – Ethnic Relations, Racial Politics and National Images in Brazil, Spanish America and the United States from Colony to Nation State

18:00-19:30 - *Dinner at ZiF* -

20:00-21:30 Public Reading and Discussion with **Ana Castillo** (New Mexico) (Plenary Room)

Introduction: María Herrera-Sobek (Santa Barbara)

- *Reception* -

Thursday, July 23

9:00-10:15 **Keynote Lecture:** (Plenary Room)

Chair: Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld)

Gonzalo Portocarrero (Lima): El aporte andino a una modernidad posible

10:15-10:45 - *Coffee Break* -

10:45-12:45 **Section V: Discourses and Politics of Race**

(Plenary Room) – Chair: Cornelia Giebeler (Bielefeld)

Amós Nascimento (Tacoma/Piracicaba): Syncretism as a Form of Multicultural Politics?: The Case of African Americans in Brazil

Leslie Bary (Lafayette): Race, Color, and Culture in Peru and Brazil

Nina Möllers (Mannheim): 'Black, White or Chocolate?': Politicizing Creole Identity in New Orleans Then and Now

10:45-12:45 **Section VI: Indigenous Communities and Identity Politics**

(Long Table Room) – Chair: Juliana Ströbele-Gregor (Berlin)

Philipp Altmann (Quito/Trier): Pluriculturalismo o multiculturalismo: el movimiento indígena ecuatoriano y su política cultural

Claudia Roch (Leipzig): Plastic Shamans and AIM-Warriors: Native American Spirituality in the New Age Movement

Sophia McClennen (Penn State): Identity as a Political Project in the Americas

12:45-13:30 - *Lunch* -

- 13:30-15:30 **Section VII: Critical Perspectives on Whiteness**
 (Plenary Room) – Chair: Astrid Haas (Bielefeld)
Katharina Bick (Bremen): Localizing Literary Whiteness: Post-Critical Whiteness Studies in the Contemporary American Novel
Martin Lütke (Giessen): 'Nobody Knows What White People Eat!': Whiteness and Cultural Difference in Contemporary North American Comedy
Markus Heide: canceled
- 13:30-15:30 **Section VIII: European Immigrant Communities**
 (Long Table Room) – Chair: Olga Ries (Bielefeld)
Kenneth H. Marcus (La Verne): Modernism in Los Angeles: Arnold Schoenberg and the Cultural Émigrés
Krasimira L. Marholeva (Prague): 'Transborder' Nationalism and 'Hyphenated' Identity: The Czech Community in the USA in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century – a Case Study
- 15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -
- 16:00-17:00 **Plenary Roundtable Discussion:
 Perspectives of Inter-American Studies**
 Moderator: Josef Raab (Duisburg-Essen)
John A. García (Tucson), **Alfred Hornung** (Mainz), **Sophia McClennen** (Penn State), **Gonzalo Portocarrero** (Lima), **Sebastian Thies** (Bielefeld), TBA
- 17:00-18:00 **Constitutive Meeting of the
 International Association of Inter-American Studies (IAS)**
 (Plenary Room)
- 18:30-19:00 **Welcome Address by the President's Office of Bielefeld University, Martin
 Egelhaaf**
 (West End - Bielefeld University)
- 19:00-20:00 - *Dinner at West End - Bielefeld University*
- 20:30 **Concert by Bandaculaa**

Friday, July 24

- 9:00-10:15 **Keynote Lecture:** (Plenary Room)
Chair: Josef Raab (Duisburg-Essen)
Alfred Hornung (Mainz): Transcultural Life Writing
- 10:15-10:45 - *Coffee Break* -
- 10:45-12:45 **Section IX: Migration Experiences and Concepts of Identity**
(Plenary Room) – Chair: Ruth Hsu (Manoa)
John A. García (Tucson): Navigating Latino Immigrant Experiences: Racialization, Ethnic and National Identities Dynamics and Political Incorporation
Ilka Ruhl (Berlin): Crossings: Cultural Hybridity as Depicted in Chicano Children's Literature on Migration
Paul Spickard (Münster/Santa Barbara): Chinese Americans, Turkish Germans: Historical Parallels in Two Racial Systems
- 10:45-12:45 **Section X: Multiculturalism and Belonging**
(Long Table Room) – Chair: Sabine Meyer (Münster)
Rüdiger Heinze (Braunschweig): Gazpacho & Tomato Soup: Personal Identity, Communal Belonging and (Trans)National Integration in (Post)Multicultural U.S.-American Literature
Maren Freudenberg (Berlin): Self and Other in Chinese Canadian Literature: Identity and Belonging in Larissa Lai's *When a Fox Is a Thousand*
Mariangela Orabona (Naples): Traces of Memory: The Affective Dynamics Involved in the Artistic Event in Renée Green's and Rosângela Rennó's Work
- 12:45-13:30 - *Lunch* -
- 13:30-15:30 **Section XI: Literary (Self-)Representations**
(Plenary Room) – Chair: Alexander Greiffenstern (Bielefeld)
Jaroslav Kušnir (Presov): Transgressing Ethnic Borders: Gerald Vizenor's *Feral Lasers* (1991) and Sherman Alexie's *Class* (2000)
Olga Ries (Bielefeld): Mexicanidad surrealista: el caso de Leonora Carrington y Remedios Varo
Marietta Messmer (Groningen): Negotiations of Cultural Hybridity and Intercultural Conflicts in Chicano/a and Native American Texts
- 13:30-15:30 **Section XII: Discourses and Practices of Intercultural Education**
(Long Table Room) – Chair: Daniela Opitz (Bielefeld)
Astrid Haas (Bielefeld): "The Calculus of Literacy": Jaime Escalante, Richard Rodriguez y el debate educativo latino entre asimilación y multiculturalismo
Yolanda Jiménez Naranjo & Rosa Mendoza Zuany (Veracruz): Reconocimiento de la diversidad en el ámbito educativo en México: legislación, políticas públicas e imaginarios sociales de la escuela intercultural
Juan Carlos Silas (Guadalajara): Educación superior intercultural en México
- 15:30-16:00 - *Coffee Break* -

- 16:00-18:30 **Section XIII: Indigeneity and Identity Politics**
 (Plenary Room) – Chair: Adrián Tovar (Bielefeld)
Capucine Boidin (Paris): Mestizaje y multiculturalismo vistos desde los intelectuales y campesinos paraguayos de hoy
Carmen Julia Ibáñez Cueto (Rostock): Bolivia: el doble carácter de la etnicidad
Gerardo Chacón (Quito): Demandas y políticas transversales de multiculturalidad e interculturalidad en el Ecuador
Juliana Ströbele-Gregor (Berlin): The Darker Side of Multiculturalism: Misrecognition of Indigenous Rights and Violence in the Amazon Region in Peru
- 16:00-18:30 **Section XIV: Transcultural Virtual and Media Spaces**
 (Long Table Room) – Chair: Luz Angélica Kirschner (Bielefeld)
José Carlos Lozano (Monterrey): The Social Construction of a Mediated Transnational Space: The Use of a Mexican Regional Television Channel in Houston, Texas by Migrants from Monterrey, Mexico
Klaus Zilles (Barcelona): From Diaspora to Transculturality: The Metamorphosis of Identity Politics in TV Serial Drama
Henry Morello (Penn State): Autobiographical Fantasies: Identity Construction in a Virtual World
Salvador Millaleo (Santiago de Chile/Bielefeld) Ciberpolítica de la identidad: de la ciberguerrilla zapatista a la cibercampaña de Obama
- 18:30-20:00 **Section XV: Transnationality and Gender**
 (Plenary Room) – Chair: Saskia Hertlein (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
Cornelia Giebeler (Bielefeld): Ethnicity, Gender and Poverty: A Proposal for Case Analysis and Applied Inter-American Studies in Gendered, Ethnicized and Poverty Areas
Elisabeth Tuidler & Marcela Gualotuña (Hildesheim): To Live in the Borderlands: Transnational Motherhood and Global Care
- 18:30-20:00 **Section XVI: Chicano Experiences**
 (Long Table Room) – Chair: Rebecca Mansfeld (Bielefeld)
Isabel Durán (Madrid): Teaching Chicano Autobiography
Johanne Mayr (Bamberg): Shared Ground or Contested Territory? – Intercultural Representations in New Mexico Novels
- 20:30 - *Dinner at Restaurant, Bielefeld Town Center (self-pay)* -

Saturday, July 25

- 9:00-10:15 **Keynote Lecture:** (Plenary Room)
Chair: Sebastian Thies (Bielefeld)
Mabel Moraña (St. Louis): The Trafficking of Difference: Multiculturalism and Identity Politics in the Ideological Crossroads
- 10:15-10:45 - *Coffee Break* -
- 10:45-13:15 **Section XVII: After Multiculturalism?**
(Plenary Room) – Chair: José Carlos Lozano (Monterrey)
Isabelle Lutterodt (San Diego): Walking the Line: American Tradition and the Meaning of Multicultural Identity
Demetrius L. Eudell (Middletown): The Dialectic of the Sixties and the Counter-Reformation of Multiculturalism
Romulo Acurio (Vienna): Identitarian Competence and Cultural Freedom in the Andean Region
Thomas Doerfler (Bayreuth): After Multiculturalism: The Dead Ends of Culturalism
- 10:45-13:15 **Section XVIII: Hybridity in Theory and Representation**
(Long Table Room) – Chair: Annette Rukwied (Bielefeld)
Annick Gendre: canceled
Ruth Hsu (Hawai'i): Karen Tei Yamashita's *Tropic of Orange* and Sesshu Foster's *Atomik Aztex*: Fractals and Conquistadores in American Post-Ethnic Literature
Jonathan Hart (Edmonton): From Vitoria to Obama: Literature, Law, History and a Hope Beyond Race in the Americas
Jürgen Heinrichs (South Orange): Can We? – Representations and Realities of Social and Political Change in U.S.-American Visual Culture
- 13:15 - *Snack Lunch* -

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