

ZiF-Research Group *Communicating Disaster***Closing Conference “Dealing with the Disasters of Others”**

26-28 January 2012

Presentation and Exhibition:

Out of the Sandbox. Frederick’s Disaster Scenarios and Emergency Provisions.Xperiment! (Michael Guggenheim, Bernd Kraeftner, Judith Kröll, Isabel Warner),
Vienna & London

Date & Time: Thursday, 26 January 2012, 18:00

Location: Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld, Germany; Room 222 “Plenarsaal”

Abstract:

Which disasters shall we prepare for? Which emergency provisions do we need for these disasters? How do emergency scenarios and provisions differ between different groups and professions? In our talk we present some preliminary results from laboratory experiments conducted with disaster experts (at ZiF), artists (at Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart) and members of the general public (at the Franz-von-Assisi Church in Vienna). The experiment builds on Leo Lionni’s tale of *Frederick* and takes its methodological inspiration from sandplay as developed in psychodiagnostics. It was designed to create a more varied and surprising range of disaster scenarios and forms of emergency provisions than other forms of disaster forecasting. We will thus discuss differences between official forms of forecasting and our results.

The presentation will be accompanied by guided tours through an exhibition on display at the ZiF of emergency provisions derived from the experiments.

Guided Tours: During the conference, guided tours through the exhibition will take place. They are free of charge and registration and take approx. 30 minutes of time.

Meeting point: At the sandbox, behind the conference office, ground floor.

Starting times: Friday, 27 January, 13:30 and 18:00

For further questions on the conference or the research group,
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