Closing Conference of the ZIF Kinship and Politics Research Group

The Politics of Making Kinship
Historical and Anthropological Perspectives

Conveners: Erdmute Alber (Bayreuth, GER)
David Warren Sabean (Los Angeles, USA)
Simon Teuscher (Zurich, GER)
Tatjana Thelen (Vienna, AUT)
Coordinator: Jennifer Rasell (Bielefeld, GER)

1 – 2 March 2018

Wednesday – 28 February

19:00 Informal get-together, ZiF Fellow Room
Buffet

Thursday – 1 March

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome by Véronique Zanetti (Executive Director of ZiF) and the Conference Organisers

Section 1: Making Kinship in Political Theory

09:30 – 11:00

Chair: Jennifer Rasell

David Sabean (History, University of California)
Making Family and Kinship: Reflections on Hegel
Commentator: Kath Weston

Susan McKinnon (Anthropology, University of Virginia)
Commonwealths of Affection: Kinship, Marriage, and the Shape of Imperial Family, Revolution, and Nation in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century America
Commentator: Eric Hounshell

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Chair: Erdmute Alber

Julia Heinemann (History, Zurich)
Conceptualizing Kinship in Sixteenth Century Political Theories: Kinship Relations in Bodin’s and Hotman’s Ideas of Monarchy
Commentator: Ann-Cathrin Harders

Jon Mathieu (History, Luzern)
Family and Kinship in Early Modern Contractarian State Theories
Commentator: Franz-Josef Arlinghaus
13:00 – 14:30 – Lunch in the ZiF cafeteria –

Section 2: Making Kinship in Political Intervention

14:30 – 16:00
Chair: Manuela Lenzen

Jeannett Martin (Anthropology, Bayreuth)
*The Invention of “Kuckuckskinder” (Children of the Cuckoo) in Germany*
Commentator: Nathalie Büsser

Ludolf Kuchenbuch (History, Hagen)
*Was There a Politics of “Parentalization” in the Early Middle Ages?*
Commentator: Keebet von Benda-Beckmann

16:00 – 16:30 – Coffee and Cake Break –

16:30 – 18:00
Chair: Tatjana Thelen

Caroline Arni (History, Basel)
*Generating Relations: Physiological as Productive Motherhood in Nineteenth Century Human Sciences and Feminism*
Commentator: Marit Melhuus

Erdmute Alber (Anthropology, Bayreuth)
*The Invention of Kinship in Colonial West Africa*
Commentator: Astrid Baerwolf

19:00 – Dinner at Wernings Weinstube, Alter Markt 1, 33602 Bielefeld (self-pay) –

Friday – 2 March

09:00 – 10:30
Chair: Saskia Fischer

Tatjana Thelen (Anthropology, Vienna)
*Kinship Across the German-German Border: Producing a Political Unit and an Epistemic Void*
Commentator: Jeanette Edwards

Claudia Derichs (Political Science, Marburg)
*Languages of Kinship*
Commentator: Christof Lammer

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break –

Section 3: Making Kinship in Scientific Practice

11:00 – 12:30
Chair: Annika Andresen

Staffan Müller-Wille (History of Science, Exeter)
*Joining Data Across Cultures: Kinship Analysis and Statistics in Late Nineteenth Century Anthropology*
Commentator: Signe Howell
Simon Teuscher (History, Zurich)
Quantifying Generation. Peter Damian Develops a New System of Kinship Calculation
Commentator: Enric Porqueres i Gené

12:30 – 14:00
– Lunch in the ZiF cafeteria –

14:00 – 15:30
Chair: Simon Teuscher
Thomas Zitelmann (Anthropology, Berlin)
Family, Kinship, State – Divergent Perspectives on Politics in the Formative Moment of Social Anthropology
Commentator: Margareth Lanzinger

Michaela Hohkamp (History, Hannover)
Equipping the Nation with a Past in the Nineteenth Century: Genealogy and Family Trees
Commentator: Andre Thiemann

15:30 – 16:00
– Coffee and Cake Break –

16:00 – 17:00
Chair: Jennifer Rasell
Conference Convenors
Final Remarks

19:00
– Dinner at Kuyu, Welle 10, 33602 Bielefeld (self-pay) –