

ZiF RESEARCH GROUP WORKSHOP

## Navigating the Boundaries of Kinship and Politics

Convenors: Eric Hounshell (Los Angeles)  
Jeannett Martin (Bayreuth)  
Nathalie Büsler (Zurich)  
Andre Thiemann (Halle/S.)  
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Coordinator: Jennifer Rasell (Bielefeld)

**May 8 – 10, 2017**

IN COOPERATION WITH:



### SUNDAY, MAY 7

18:00 Informal get-together with light refreshments (ZiF Fellow Room)

### MONDAY, MAY 8

09:00–09:15 Coffee

09:15–09:30 **Welcome address** (ZiF Plenary Hall)

09:30–10:30 **Opening keynote lecture**

Keebet von Benda-Beckmann (Anthropology, Halle/S.)

*Kinship and Politics: A Legal Anthropological Perspective*

Chair: Andre Thiemann (Anthropology, Halle/S.)

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

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11:00–13:00 **Area 1 – Property and Kin Relations I**

Chair: Andre Thiemann (Anthropology, Halle/S.)

Patrick Neveling (Anthropology, London/Bern)

*Corporate Interregna: Kinship Politica, Joint Ventures, and Embedded Exploitation in the Making of a Mauritian Multinational Enterprise Since 1786*

Julia Heinemann (History, Zurich)

*Owning the State? Conceptions of Kinship and Monarchy in the Letters of the French Royal Family in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*

Comment: Michaela Hohkamp (History, Hannover)

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13:00–14:30 Lunch break

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14:30–16:30 **Area 1 – Property and Kin Relations II**

Chair: Nathalie Büsler (History, Zurich)

Margareth Lanzinger/Janine Maegraith (History, Vienna)

*Kinship Ties and Wealth: The Limits on the Disposal of Property and its Consequences*

Roberta Zavoretti (Anthropology, Halle/S.)

*Being the Right Woman for “Mister Right”: Marriage and Household Politics in Present-day Nanjing*

Comment: Stef Jansen (Anthropology, Manchester)

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16:30–17:00 Coffee and cake

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17:00–18:15 **Roundtable Discussion – Exploring Kinship and Politics from an Interdisciplinary Perspective: Problems and Prospects**

Participants: Jeanette Edwards (Anthropology, Manchester), Michaela Hohkamp (History, Hannover), Staffan Müller-Wille (History and Philosophy of Science, Exeter), Simon Teuscher (History, Zurich), Tatjana Thelen (Anthropology, Vienna)

Chair: Franz-Josef Arlinghaus (History, Bielefeld)

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19:00 Dinner at ZiF (Barbecue)

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## TUESDAY, MAY 9

09:00–11:00 (Long-Table Room)

**Area 2 – Negotiating the Limits of the Nuclear Family I**

Chair: Eric Hounshell (History, Los Angeles)

Anna Ellmer (Anthropology, Vienna)

*“Educational Partnership” and its Paradoxes: Relationships and Boundaries Between Public Day-Care Institutions and Families in Vienna (Austria)*

Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer (American Studies, Bordeaux)

*Study and Sanction: How U.S. and French “Experts” Construe Queer Parenting in Legal Debates*

Comment: Margareth Lanzinger (History, Vienna)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–12:30 **Keynote lecture**

Heike Drotbohm (Anthropology, Mainz)

*Migrant Families Undone: Rethinking Kinship, Care and New Inequalities in the Context of Forced Return Migration*

Chair: Jeannett Martin (Anthropology, Bayreuth)

12:30–16:00 Lunch break

*Thinking while walking in the Teutoburg Forest*

Coffee and cake (Bauernhaus Museum)

16:00–18:00 **Area 2 – Negotiating the Limits of the Nuclear Family II**

Chair: Eric Hounshell (History, Los Angeles)

Stefania Bernini (History, Warsaw/Venice)

*Competing for Souls, Bodies and Rights: Catholic Politics towards Children in Postwar Italy and Poland*

Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (Anthropology, Northfield)

*Remaking Kinship Across Political Orders: Migration, Fostering, and Disciplining*

Comment: Caroline Arni (History, Basel)

19:30 Dinner at the restaurant Vahle

Wertherstraße 24

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

09:00–11:00 (Long-Table Room)

**Area 3 – The (Re)making of Political Order Through the Lens of Children I**

Chair: Jeannett Martin (Anthropology, Bayreuth)

Anna Ayeh (Anthropology, Bayreuth)

*Entanglements of Kinship and Politics in Education: Lessons from Northern Beninese Quranic Schools*

Cristian Alvarado Leyton (Anthropology, Hamburg)

*The Politics and Poetics of Forced Adoptions during Argentina's Last Dictatorship*

Comment: Judith Schachter (Anthropology, Pittsburgh)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

**Area 3 – The (Re)making of Political Order Through the Lens of Children II**

Chair: Jennifer Rasell (Anthropology, Bielefeld)

Jeannett Martin (Anthropology, Bayreuth)

*In Search of the "Right" Father: Current Debates about "Kuckuckskinder" in Germany*

Margaret Peacock (History, Alabama)

*Samantha Smith in the Land of the Bolsheviks: The Politics of Kinship in the Late Cold War*

Comment: Jeannette Edwards (Anthropology, Manchester)

13:30–14:30 Lunch break

**Wrap-up Session: Navigating Boundaries of Kinship and Politics**

Participants: Erdmute Alber (Anthropology, Bayreuth), Caroline Arni (History, Basel), David Sabeau (History, Los Angeles), Judith Schachter (Anthropology, Pittsburgh),

Chair: Andre Thiemann (Anthropology, Halle/S.)

**Closing Remarks**

18:00 Dinner at the restaurant Pappelkrug (self-pay)

Wertherstraße 311