

**“Cherishing the Past, Envisioning the Future:  
Entangled Practices of Heritage and Utopia in the Americas”**

**Conference of the BMBF Research Project “The Americas as Space of Entanglements”  
14-15 December 2018  
ZiF, Bielefeld**

**P R O G R A M**

**13 December:**

**19:30 Welcome & Warm-up** (in town, self-pay)

**14 December:**

**9:00 Registration, Coffee**

**9:15 Welcome, Opening of the Conference and Award of Best MA-thesis in InterAmerican Studies**

**9:30 KEYNOTE**

**Javier Sanjinés (Michigan)**

**“Whither Modernity? Latin America, an ‘Entanglement of Spaces’”**

Chair: Jochen Kemner

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00-12:30 PANEL I**

**Entangled Temporalities: Concepts and Politics of Time and Memory in the Americas**

Joachim Michael (Bielefeld): “Present Pasts in Latin America: Literary Challenges of Time”

Carolina Crespo (Buenos Aires): “Memorias en el espacio público. Itinerarios en el tiempo y el espacio en torno a los monumentos de Juana Azurduy y Cristóbal Colón en Argentina”

Heike Raphael-Hernández (Würzburg): “Dreaming about the Right to Freedom: Ernst Bloch’s *not-yet* and Early Eighteenth-Century Slave Societies in the Danish West Indies and Dutch Suriname”

Chair: Kirsten Kramer

12:30-13:30 Lunch

**13:30-15:00 PANEL II**

**Addressing Persistent Colonial Hierarchies and Decolonial Futures**

Claudia Rauhut (Berlin/Leipzig): “Envisioning a Shared Future of Global Reparatory Justice: Why Caribbean Activists Claim Slavery Reparations from Europe”

Ulrike Schmieder (Hannover): “Memories of Slavery in France and the French Afro-Antillean Diaspora and the Entanglements with British and US-American Images of Slavery and Debates on Reparations”

Julia Roth (Bielefeld): “‘The First Global Players’: Re-Thinking Germany from the Americas”

Chair: Albert Manke

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

**15:30-17:00 Roundtable: “Hip Hop, Education, and Social Transformation”**

Julian Voloj (graphic novel author), Rebeca Lane (rapper),

Nicole Schwabe (coordinator teaching materials “Knowledge of Global Entanglements”, Bielefeld)

Chair: Julia Roth

17:00-17:15 Break

**17:15-18:15 Panel III**

**Memories, Heritage and Retro-Topias: Idealizing, Commodifying, and Re-Viving the Past**

Olaf Kaltmeier (Bielefeld): "Ahead to the Past: Re-feudalization in the Americas"

Giselle Anatol (Kansas): "Zootopia's Utopia: Distorted Visions of Racial Harmony"

Chair: Daniela Noll-Opitz

**19:00-19:45 Kulturamt Bielefeld** (Kavalleriestr. 17, 33602 Bielefeld)

**Reception, Rap-Performance Rebeca Lane**

**in the context of the photo exhibit "Black Matters: Urban Photography" (by Wilfried Raussert)**

**20:00 Dinner** (in town: L'Arabesque, August-Bebel-Str. 47, 33602 Bielefeld)

**afterwards: Party with DJ Matti Steinitz@Cutie** (Große-Kurfürsten-Straße 81, 33615 Bielefeld)

**15 December:**

**10:30-12:45 Panel IV**

**Utopian Practices – Past and Present**

Wilfried Raussert (Bielefeld): "Utopia Reloaded? Political Art Practices and Public Space from Zapatista to Occupy"

Jeroen Dewulf (Berkeley): "'It's our Duty to Help Each Other': On the Afro-Iberian Substratum in African American Fraternal History"

Yolanda Campos (Guadalajara): "La utopía posrevolucionaria en el cine de Emilio Fernández y los murales de Diego Rivera"

Cornelia Giebeler (Bielefeld): "De- and Re-Constructing Family by InterAmerican Mobility"

Chair: Yaatsil Guevara

12:45-13:45 Lunch

**13:45-16:15 PANEL V**

**Revising Histories of Entanglement in the Americas**

**Film Screening: "Allen Report: Retracing Transnational African Methodism"**

by Alanna Lockward (Santo Domingo) with introduction by the director

Discussion, Questions and Answers

Chair: Julia Roth

16:15-16:30 Break

**16:30-18:00 Panel VI**

**The Future in Question: Re-envisioning the Social**

Eleonora Rohland (Bielefeld): "Decolonizing the Anthropocene"

Rüdiger Kunow (Potsdam): "Preemption as Neoliberal Utopia"

Paula Diehl (Bielefeld): "Populism and Narratives of the Past/Visions of the Future"

Chair: Mirko Petersen

**18:00 Sum-up, closing remarks, end of conference**

**19:00 Dinner** (in town: Kachelhaus, Hagenbruchstr. 13, 33602 Bielefeld, self-pay)

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