Difference that makes no Difference: The Non-Performativity of Intersectionality and Diversity

International Workshop
Frankfurt Research Center for Postcolonial Studies (FRCPS) in cooperation with the Women’s Network
Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders”
Goethe University Frankfurt
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09.00-09.15h Registration

09.15-09.30h Welcome Remarks: Nikita Dhawan (FRCPS, Goethe University Frankfurt)

09.30-11.15h First Session: Challenging Diversity
Chair and discussant: Nadine Golly (Leuphana Universität Lüneburg)

Shana Almeida (York University Toronto):
Exposing the Threads: A Critical Interrogation of the Policies, Practices and (Non-)Performativity of Diversity in the City of Toronto

Vanessa Eileen Thompson (Goethe University Frankfurt)/Veronika Zablotsky (UC Santa Cruz):
Equal Opportunity Commissioners and Diversity-Mainstreaming as Indicators for Non-Discriminatory Academic Institutions?

Mechthild Nagel (State University of New York):
Pitfalls Of Diversity Management

11.15-11.30h Break

11.30-13.15h Second Session: Intersectionality and its Discontents
Chair and discussant: Maria Teresa Herrera Vivar (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Sara Salem (UC Berkeley):
Critiquing Intersectionality

Anika Keinz (Europa-Universität Viadrina):
Intersectionality as a form of knowledge production

Radostin Kaloianov (University of Vienna):
The underperformance of ‘intersectionality’ as concept of social critique
13.15-14.30h  Lunch Break

14.30-15.45  Third session: What difference does difference make?
Chair and discussant: Jamila Adamou (Hessische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung, Wiesbaden)

Luis Manuel Hernandez Aguilar (Goethe University Frankfurt):
Teaching “Muslims” how diverse they are. Racial Governmentality and the German Islam Conference

Rustem Ertug Altinay (NYU):
Muslim Queer Subjects and the Limits of Diversity in U.S. Academia

Margrit E. Kaufmann (University of Bremen):
Diversity Trouble? The Topic of Gender and Diversity in the Critical Intersectional Studies and Science System

15.45-16.00  Break

16.00-17.45  Fourth session: Non-Performativity and Difference
Chair and discussant: Zubair Ahmad/ Johanna Leinius/ Aylin Zafer (FRCPS, Goethe University Frankfurt)

Jane Chin Davidson (California State University):
Performativity Testimony and the Practice of Dismissal

Eike Marten (University of Hamburg):
Performativity beyond delivery: on the multiple effects of saying diversity

Katja Wehde (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen):
Rebranding Difference as Diversity: The Celebration of Diversity as a Legitimisation of Othering in Ethnographic Museums

17.45-18.00  Break

18.00-20.00  Keynote: Sarah Ahmed (Goldsmiths, University of London)
Brick Walls: Racism and other Hard Histories