

Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2020

Identity as a Category of Analysis in Migration Studies

Organizational details

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Date: November 19, 2020, from 10am – noon

Location: Online (link will be sent after registration via info@ggs.uni-giessen.de)

Content

In this lecture, the participants will be introduced to some aspects of the concept of identity, which introduce identity as a social phenomenon and process rather than a fixed, rigid fact. The ideas of some psychosocial theorists such as G. H. Mead (symbolic interactionism), Erik H. Erikson (psychosocial development), and Erving Goffman (symbolic interaction) as well as the theories of more recent figures such as Homi Bhabha (hybrid Identities) and Stuart Hall will be discussed. At the end of the session, I will look at the contributions of these theories in approaching the issue of (forced)migration. I will talk about the social potentials of the issue of migration and their relation with identity-related concepts. In this regard, some characteristics of post-migration societies will be discussed.

The questions that will be raised and answered:

- Are we alone in our self-construction? If not, what are the other elements affecting self-formation?
- Why is the study of identity as a concept important in dealing with (forced)migrants?
- How does a post-migration society look like? And how could it help us to approach the issue of (forced)migrants?

Keywords: Identity, Recognition, Self, The Other, Multiculturalism, Migration, Post-migration Society

Learning Targets

- Being introduced to some of the aspects of the concept of identity
- Knowing about the significance of the concept of identity in the study of migration

Target group

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

Course language

English

Registration

Please register **by November 16, 2020** via e-mail at info@ggs.uni-giessen.de.