

Workshop in a Nutshell as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2019

## **Negotiating Age: Youth as a Social Category of Analysis**

### **Organizational details**

Instructor: Pınar Gümüş Mantu

Date: 17 July, 2019, from 16.00 to 20.00 h

Location: Campus Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Licher Strasse 68, D-35390 Giessen, room 020 (HS 020)

### **Content**

This workshop aims to discuss youth as an age-based social relationship, thus a space and source of power relationships (Bourdieu, 1984). By doing this, youth is not held just as a transitory developmental stage, but rather, and more importantly, as a socially constructed phenomenon, which has several implications regarding the functioning of social norms and order. Inspired by the anthropological perspectives for studying youth as a social shifter (Durham, 2000), the revelatory potential of scrutinizing the experience of being young in a particular societal context at focus will be emphasized. Within this framework, youth, and other age-based definitions such as childhood, adulthood or elderly, will be discussed as social categories of analysis which cross-cut several other structural differences in the society, i.e. gender and class. Moreover, changing dynamics of age-based relationships throughout broader processes such as migration and globalization will be touched upon in the workshop.

The first part of the workshop will provide the participants with theoretical reflections regarding the study of youth and age from a sociological perspective. Following this, by opening a space of collective discussion, the second part will focus on how the participants of the workshop deal with the issue of age/youth in their own research. In order to be able to structure the second part, the participants will be invited to share a half-page note including the grounds of their interest in the workshop as well as a short summary of their individual research agendas prior to the workshop.

Not only researchers who are already engaged with the sociological perspectives in studying age and youth, but also the ones who are not yet much informed about, but interested in thinking about youth and age as social relationships, are all welcome to the workshop.

## **Learning Targets**

- The participants will gain insights regarding the field of sociology of youth.
- The participants will be introduced to the discussions of age as a social category of analysis.
- The participants will find the chance to reflect on how issues of youth and age are at play in their own research.
- Discovering several different contexts in which the researchers deal with issues of age and youth, the participants will widen their understanding of youth as a social category in the course of the discussions in this workshop.

## **Target group**

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

## **Course language**

English

## **Registration**

Please register **by 10th July, 2019** via e-mail at [info@ggs.uni-giessen.de](mailto:info@ggs.uni-giessen.de).