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Intersectionality – Contentions, Translations and Transformations.

International School of the Doctoral College for Intersectionality Studies

13th -16th February 2025, University of Bayreuth

Coordinated by PhD candidates of the Doctoral College on Intersectionality Studies in
Bayreuth (PKIS)

Call for Applications

The Doctoral School for Intersectionality Studies (Promotionskolleg für Intersektionalitätsstudien, PKIS) invites engaged scholars and activists to its first International Spring School. Established in 2022, the PKIS is Europe's first Doctoral School and research hub exploring intersectionality. With our spring school, we want to create a space for collective learning, embrace and expand Intersectionality as a critical tool of analysis and practice in our context and beyond. The Spring School will take place from 13th-16th of February 2025 on the campus of the University of Bayreuth.

Against the background of ever-growing social conflict and economic divides, and an increasing threat through right-wing populism that contributes to climate catastrophe, social injustice and discrimination, intersectional critique seems more needed than ever. We want to scrutinize Intersectionality as a tool for analysis and resistance in challenging times. In which ways can frameworks of Intersectionality studies address socio-economic questions (Crenshaw, 1989; Bannerji, 1995, 2011; Nüthen, 2017; Bohrer, 2019; Hill Collins, 2019)? If we follow Patricia Hill Collins' (2019) assertion that Intersectionality should be considered a critical social theory, to what extent can it be rethought, aiming at radical change? How can Intersectionality, both as a critical political practice and as a tool for critical analysis, become a 'travelling theory' (Said, 1983, 2001; Salem, 2018)? In other words, considering the powerful work Intersectionality has done for Black Women's struggle in the US context, could Intersectionality be employed as a tool for political and academic intervention to promote reforms of the existing social and political system in other spaces? Hence, we center engaged critical discourse within the field of



Intersectionality that allow us to contest, expand, and examine it along the following central contentions:

1. Intersectionality as political intervention and Intersectionality as a critical social theory
2. Translations and Contentions: Intersectionality as ‘traveling theory’
3. Operationalization(s) of intersectional theories, methodologies and empirical research

Throughout our Spring School, we aim to create a space to work and think together along these fault-lines of intersectional scholarship, the social struggles the concept is embedded in, and the multiple systems of oppression it aims to analyze and change. Based on our discussions, we plan the publication of an edited volume.

How to participate

We have already put together our program with exciting workshops, panels and inputs and are still looking for people to participate to work together within these. If you want to participate in our Spring school, please tell us some details about yourself and your institutional affiliation along with your motivation and topics you are interested in. Please consider the following application form: (<https://forms.office.com/e/NJJBVhXxJ>).

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