

CONCEPT

The Heidelberg University interdisciplinary research group “Mobile Spaces” is organizing an international workshop on comparative urbanism with an emphasis on the challenges faced when studying dis/connectivities of everyday practices in cities in India, Europe, and North America.

The main idea of the workshop is to reinforce the interdisciplinary exchange in urban studies using the potential of different disciplines and the comparison of cities across distinct regions of the world. Bringing together experts from geography, and anthropology, linguistics and sociology to urban planning, the workshop opens up space for discussion about differences and similarities in urban processes.

In the workshop we shall investigate everyday practices, focusing on the transcultural fabrics of cities, where neoliberalization and globalization play as much a role as local and vernacular emplacements. We are interested in avenues for self-expression, processes of place-making of groups and individuals, as well as in phenomena of exclusion and inequality. The workshop sets out to discuss how we can approach public space/s and understandings of ‘open’ or ‘cosmopolitan’ cities by further developing ‘comparative’ concepts and methods.

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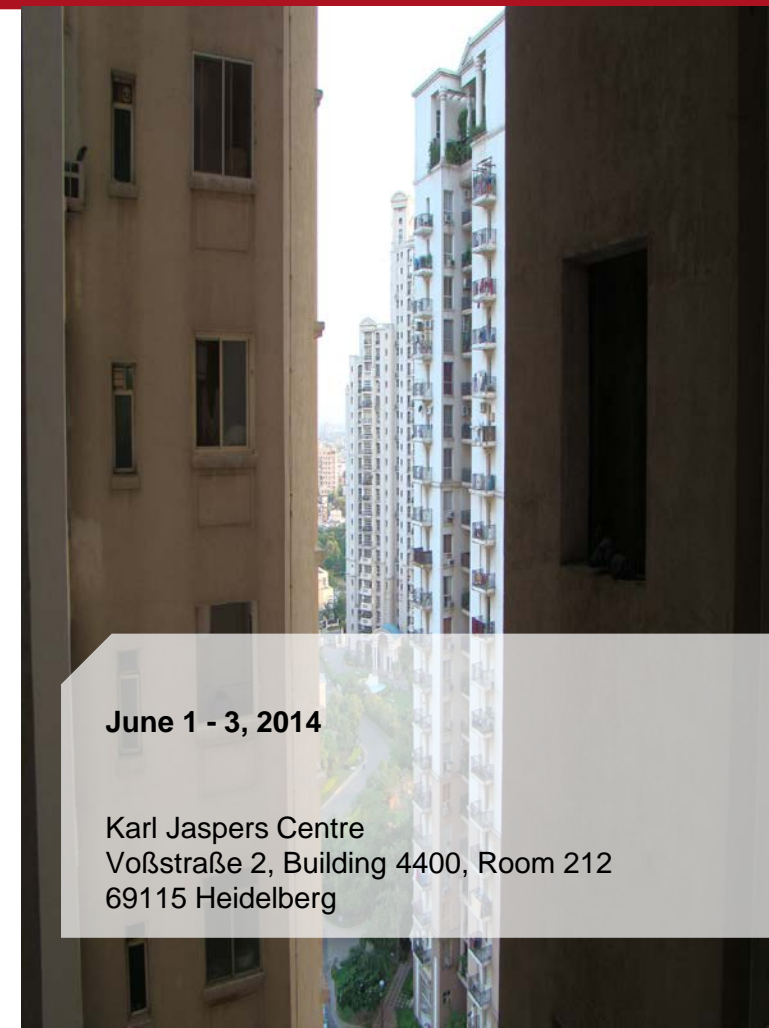
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Interdisciplinary Workshop

Mobile Spaces:
Everyday Practices in Indian, North
American and European Cities

June 1 - 3, 2014

Karl Jaspers Centre
Voßstraße 2, Building 4400, Room 212
69115 Heidelberg



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PROGRAMME

Sunday, June 1

7 pm **Welcome Dinner for speakers and guests**
Goldener Hecht
Steingasse 2

Monday, June 2

8.45 to 9 Welcome and Introduction

SESSION I: EXPLORING PUBLIC SPACE/S
Chair: Ulrike Gerhard

9 to 11 Arunava Dasgupta (Delhi):
Emerging Characteristics of Spatial
Change. A Cross-sectional
Overview of Delhi

Michael Braum (IBA Heidelberg):
Knowledge Based Urbanism and
Public Space in Germany

Juliane von Hagen (Kassel):
Urban Spaces in New York City.
Characteristics and Qualities

Panel Discussion

11 to 11.30 Coffee Break

SESSION II: COMPARATIVE URBANISM
Chair: Christiane Brosius

11.30 to 1 Sujata Patel (Hyderabad):
Is there a South Perspective to
Urban Studies?

Discussant: Eberhard Rothfuß
(Bayreuth)

1 to 2.30 **Lunch Break**

SESSION III: NEGOTIATING THE 'OPEN CITY'
Chair: Beatrix Busse

2.30 to 4.30 Ingo Warnke (Bremen):
Urban Space as Epigrammatical
Arena. Forms, Functions and
Contexts of Writing in Public
Spaces

Melissa Butcher (Milton Keynes):
Contesting Respectability. Mobility
and Gendered Space in Global
Delhi

Robert Lemon (Berkeley/Austin):
Taco Truck Transfigurations. Food
is Spatial

Panel Discussion

4.30 to 5 Coffee Break

5 to 6 **Reflections**
Moderation: Editha Marquardt/
Marie Sander

7.30 pm **Dinner:** Salerno im Roten Ochsen
Mühlthalstr. 11

Tuesday, June 3

7 – 9 pm **FILM SHOW**

Transfusion (2013)

Followed by: Discussion with filmmaker and
geographer Robert Lemon (Berkeley/Austin, USA).

Insights into urban food cultures: The documentary
traces taco trucks across the city of Columbus, Ohio,
uncovering the complex and contentious circum-
stances encompassing Mexican cuisine in the US.

MOBILE SPACES RESEARCH GROUP IN HEIDELBERG

Christiane Brosius

is professor of Visual and Media Anthropology at the
Karl Jaspers Centre for Transcultural Studies. She has
researched on processes of social spatialisation in New
Delhi and is currently working on the emergence of new
art practices and events in New Delhi and Kathmandu,
and notions of autonomy and risk for single women in
urban India.

Beatrix Busse

is professor of English Linguistics at the English
Department. Her research interests include historical
linguistics, stylistics, corpus linguistics and language and
medicine. The investigation of patterns of (discursive)
place-making in Brooklyn, New York, is one of her
current research projects.

Ulrike Gerhard

is professor for Human Geography of North America at
the Heidelberg Center for American Studies and the
Geography Department. She has researched on urban
consumer landscapes in Canada and Germany and
analyzed the political geography of US American cities.
Her recent research deals with urban inequality in the
Americas, the discursive structuring of cities as well as
urban sustainability in North American and European
cities.

Editha Marquardt

is project researcher and lecturer at the Geography
Department. She is interested in research questions
concerning the (visual) perception of as well as
identification with regions and cities. In her current
projects she investigates urban changes in the
knowledge society.

Marie Sander

is project researcher, lecturer in Transcultural Studies
and coordinator of the Forum Urban Spaces that
connects urban researchers across disciplines and
regional foci. She has studied transnationally mobile
youths in Shanghai, ethnographically exploring
expatriate teenage everyday practices and negotiations
of belonging.