

IMAGE AND ACTIVISM: Amazonian Civic Engagement between South America and Germany

4.45 p.m. **Andrea Scholz** (Ethnologisches Museum Berlin): **Sharing Knowledge: On the Life of Things in the Amazon and the Museum**

Museum cooperation with so-called source communities sometimes takes surprising turns when the partners engage in a truly collaborative, open process. The project “Sharing Knowledge” started as a cooperation between the Ethnological Museum Berlin and indigenous partners in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela, with a focus on creating digital connections between the collections and their communities, between representations and practices. On the initiative of all partners, the focus on the “animation of things” shifted more and more from museum collections to manufacturing practices in indigenous communities, from digital exchange to analogue engagement. What methodological and ethical conclusions can be drawn from the project results?