



International Workshop

German-Ibero-Latin-American Sociologies on the City in the 21st Century

Berlin, Institute for Latin American Studies
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Invitation

What of sociological research on the city, on cities, on urban space at the beginning of the 21st century, after the crisis of so-called “urban sociology” as of the end of the 1960ies? Is there still anything specific left for sociology to say on these historically controversial objects of sociological knowledge? The current academic debate is productively stimulated by the contributions that geographers, sociologists, urbanists, architects and anthropologists render to the so-called “urban studies”.

This workshop aims at furthering the North-South debate on the theoretical and methodological possibilities and limitations of a properly sociological approach to the city as an object of knowledge. Therefore it will bring together different sociological views on recent developments of sociological research on the city in Germany, Portugal, Mexico and Brazil.

Sociologists based in academic institutions in these four countries will each offer his/her own interpretation about the recent sociological production in their respective countries, each speech being followed by an open discussion. Finally, all of the five experts will take part in an informal roundtable to discuss specificities of present-day sociology in the face of global urbanization at the beginning of the 21st century.

The workshop will be held in English. Participation is free and open – however, participants are kindly asked to send an email of confirmation by 18 October to fraya@usp.br.

Date & Time: 21 October 2010, 13:30 – 18:30

Venue: Lateinamerika-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, Rüdeshheimer Str. 54-56, 14197 Berlin, Room 116, [U Bahnhof Breitenbachplatz](#)

Programme

- 13:30 Welcome Addresses: Prof. Dr. Sérgio Costa (Institute for Latin American Studies, FU Berlin, Director) & Prof. Dr. Fraya Frehse (Universidade de São Paulo / FU Berlin & HU Berlin)
- 14:00 Prof. Dr. Martha Schteingart (El Colegio de México): Urban Studies in Latin America and Mexico. A Sociological Approach
- 14:30 Discussion
- 15:00 Prof. Dr. Fraya Frehse (Universidade de São Paulo / HU Berlin & FU Berlin): Recent Sociological Utopias on Urban Space in Brazil
- 15:30 Discussion
- 16:00 Prof. Dr. Carlos Fortuna (Universidade de Coimbra & Centro de Estudos Sociais): Urban Space in Portuguese Social Sciences
- 16:30 Discussion
- 17:00 Dr. Rainer Neef (Speaker – Session „Stadt- und Regionalsoziologie“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie): Urban Sociology in Germany – Questioning the “Cultural Turn”
- PD. Dr. Christine Hannemann (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): tba
- 17:30 Discussion
- 18:00 Final Roundtable
- 18:30 End of workshop

Organization: Prof. Dr. Fraya Frehse

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