

Call for Papers and Posters

Migration, Islam and Masculinities: Transforming Emigration and Immigration Societies

An International Conference at the
Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg/Germany

April 12 – 14, 2007

The theme of the conference *Migration, Islam and Masculinities: Transforming Emigration and Immigration Societies* is primarily a research desideratum. In fact there are some research projects in migration studies which use masculinity as a category for analysis. However, they conflict with mainstream research on masculinities, where the social analysis of power relations plays a crucial role, and the focus is on the interrelations between various factors such as class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, etc.

In research on masculinities, the theme of migration is only mentioned incidentally. Migrant masculinities are not considered an independent topic. Even though migration has been associated with globalisation from the outset, it continues to be largely ignored. There is a noticeable lack of research into ethnic and national differences of masculinities.

This applies particularly to the investigation of Muslim migrant masculinities. They were identified as a specific research area not until the attacks on September 11, 2001, with a particular emphasis on differences between Western and Muslim or migrant identities. Although migration experiences have been a constitutive factor for the biographies of numerous Islamists, they have been neglected by researchers. This applies just as well to the diasporic Islam that developed in many societies and the correlation between diaspora and (re)constructions of masculinities.

The conference intends to link initial results from studies in the fields of 'Migration and Masculinity' and 'Masculinity and Islam'. The analytical perspective on the field "Migration, Islam and Masculinities" will be interdisciplinary, its individual parts will be regarded equally. A theoretical debate is most welcome.

The conference is funded by the German Research Foundation and the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony, it will be led by Dr. Lydia Potts, Dr. Dursun Tan, Dr. Maria do Mar Castro Varela, Dr. Nikita Dhawan and Martina Kamp, MA. Contributions will be made in English and German.

There will be keynote addresses by leading academics in the field, and panels with the following themes:

1. Migration and Constructions of Masculinities
2. Islam and Diasporic Masculinities
3. Feminist Perspectives on 'Muslim Migrant Men'
4. Masculinisation and Feminisation of the Labour Market
5. Representations of Masculinities, Migration and Islam
6. Counselling Men – Moving Masculinities

We are pleased to announce our Call for Papers and Poster Proposals. Abstracts should be in English or German, ca. 200 words, with a short CV including your contact details. Please specify in which panel you would like your paper to be considered.

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