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Today, more than half of the world's population lives in cities; cities that are growing each year by approximately 70 million inhabitants, i.e., 1.4 million a week. The conference aims to contribute to the understanding of urban societies as sites of cultural change that is not always peaceful and orderly, but instead often violent and destructive. Focusing on language, literature, and questions of society and governance, the conference attempts to elucidate the constantly shifting formations of cultural, linguistic, and societal identities. Within the framework of urban society, identity (of languages, cultures, groups, concepts of urban life, etc.) is not a fixed entity. Rather, the boundaries of identity are constantly being negotiated, creating vacillations between inclusivity and exclusivity, new majorities and minorities. Urban societies are therefore faced with a constant need to reevaluate their own traditions and trajectories, governance, and policies.

The *Centers for Advanced Studies in the Humanities* (GWZ) jointly host the 3rd Borders & Identity conference. BIC2015 provides a meeting place for more than 80 researchers from more than 15 countries interested in interdisciplinary approaches to explore *Urban fragmentation(s)* from linguistic, literary, sociological, and historical points of view, or a combination thereof. The conference will be organized in three parallel strands, each chaired by a corresponding GWZ-center: Language & Linguistics (ZAS), Literature & Translation (zFL), Society & Governance (ZMO). The conference features three keynotes, more than 60 talks, a poster session and a round-table discussion on the perspectives on interdisciplinarity.

Keynote Speakers

TAREK EL-ARISS

University of Texas, Austin //

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NORMA MENDOZA-DENTON

University of California, Los Angeles //

Hemispheric Localism and Gang Membership among Latina/o Gangs in Northern California

TIMOTHY MOSS

Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, IRS, Erkner //

Splintering Urbanism Revisited