



ZMO-Colloquium Winter Term 2017/2018

The Idea of Youth: Concepts, Practices and Lifeworlds of a Global Category



Thursday, 26 October 2017, 5 pm

Youth Studies: State of the Art and Prospects for Studying Young People in the Global South

Douglas Blum, Providence College, Rhode Island

Thursday, 30 November 2017, 5 pm

Pop-Islamist Youth Politics in Malaysia: Rethinking 'Instruments of the Devil'

Dominik Müller, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale

Thursday, 14 December 2017, 5 pm

A Political Economy Approach to the Study of Youth: Lessons for Researchers in the Global South

Maysoun Sukarieh, King's College, London

Thursday, 25 January 2018, 6 pm

Interviewing Youth – Constructing Knowledge: Insights from the FES Youth Study 2016/2017

Jörg Gertel, Institut für Geographie, Universität Leipzig

Sonja Hegasy, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin

Thursday, 22 February 2018, 5 pm

What Do Pensions Have To Do with Youth?

A Relational Approach to Youth in International Development

Nicola Ansell, Brunel University, London

Thursday, 22 March 2018, 5 pm

'Challenge to Youth': Reconsidering India's Programme of Nation-Building from the Independence Movement to the Cold War

Franziska Roy, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin

Venue

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient
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Schedule

All lectures start at 5 pm sharp, with the exception of the talk on 25 January. This talk starts at 6 pm.

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Terms like "youth unemployment", a "youth bulge", "youth crime", or even a "youth crisis" crop up in political discussions and the media on a semi-regular basis. Indeed, such debates have intermittently engaged public opinion in different countries for some 150 years. Concerns over social deviance, moral standards, radicalism, and a generational gap have shaped the very making of youth and adolescence as valid categories in the 19th century. The idea of "youth" tends to defy clear-cut biological and legal definitions. Youth is a social construct that is understood and experienced differently in different regional and cultural contexts. It is shaped by factors such as ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic conditions and gender, and is subject to constant change. In the colloquium, social anthropologists, historians, political scientists, geographers, and scholars based in cultural studies, Islamic studies and media studies will present the audience with empirical insights from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East in order to explore the benefits and limits of "youth" as a concept and as a point of entry for the analysis of ideas, practices and crises of the global.