

## Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies

### Critical Texts and Practices Seminar

Organised by Schirin Amir-Moazami

Every second Friday, 4 hours: 15.00-19.00 (c.t.)

**26.10.12** Introduction, Presentation of Topics, Readings and Schedule

### Language, Discourse and Disciplinary (Self)Positioning of the Researcher

**9.11.12** Discourse, Power and Agency (chaired by Schirin Amir-Moazami)

#### Readings:

- **Michel Foucault** (1978) *The History of Sexuality*, (London: Vintage), Vol. 1, Part 1-3, pp. 1-73.
- **Michel Foucault** (1985) *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. 2, Pinguin Books, Introduction. pp. 1-24.
- **Mahmood, Saba** (2005) *Politics of Piety. The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press., Chap. 1, pp. 1-39.

**16.11.12** **Time: 9.30-12.00** Material approaches to the study of religion (chaired by **Birgit Meyer**)

#### Readings:

**Birgit Meyer**: Mediation and the genesis of presence.  
Towards a material approach to religion Utrecht: Universiteit Utrecht.

**23.11.12** Critical Hermeneutics (chaired by Schirin Amir-Moazami)

#### Readings:

- **Hans-Georg Gadamer** (2010 [1960]): *Truth and Method*, Introduction & ch. 4
- **Fazular Rahman** (1982): *Islam and Modernity. Transformation of an Intellectual Tradition*, Chicago, London: Chicago University Press, Introduction & ch. 1.

**Theory – Fieldwork/Archive connections**

**30.11.12.12**

From Theory to Archive and back (chaired by **Babak Rahimi**)

**Readings:**

- **Max Weber** (2010 [1920]): The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Part I (Translation by Talcott Parsons)
- **Stephen Kalberg** (2012): "Max Weber's Comparative-Historical Sociology Today: Major Themes, Mode of Causal Analysis, and Applications, London: Ashgate, pp. 73-122 & 129-139.

**14.12.12**

Fieldwork-Theory (chaired by Schirin Amir-Moazami)

- **Alaine Cerwonka & Liisa H. Malki** (2007) Improvising Theory. Process and Temporality in Ethnographic Fieldwork, ch. 1, 2, 3.

**Interviewing, Narrativity and Historiography**

**11.1.12**

Techniques and Ethics of Interviewing (chaired by **Inge Baldauf**) **date needs to be confirmed!**

**Readings:**

- **Ron Grele**: Stages in the Evolution of Oral History, in BIOS, Vol. 20, 2007, pp. 31-35.
- **Susan E. Chase** Taking Narrative Seriously. Consequences for Method and Theory in Interview Studies.

**25.1.12**

Historiography (chaired by **Gudrun Krämer**)

Readings will be assigned

**Student's suggestions**

**1.2. 12**

**15.2.12**