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URBAN FIELDWORK WORKSHOP

With Arunava Dasgupta (School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi) ERASMUS+-fellow hosted by the chair of visual and media anthropology, HCTS & Roos Gerritsen & Lukas Ley

19 June 2018 2-5pm Balkonzimmer, Institute of anthropology

We are happy to announce that guest faculty member Arunava Dasgupta of the Department of Urban Design School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, joins us for a workshop on urban field methods. The workshop focuses specifically on methodological questions and the challenges of conducting fieldwork in urban spaces.

The urban designer 'reads' the city through multiple ways. One of these is to see relationships between physical configuration of the built form of our urban spaces and the nature of everyday life that is nurtured within them. To be able to make connections between these two aspects of the 'container' and the 'contained', a qualitative, spatial mapping technique of 'space-time-activity' is used to capture nature of urban life in any given space. Such a technique allows the researcher as well as the practitioner, to understand activity cycles of everyday spaces and also those factors that determine successful and not so successful dimensions of spatial qualities that foster/impede urban life. A short presentation would briefly introduce this technique through various attempts of exploring the above dynamics of space and activity in diverse urban situations.

With Dasgupta's input we will present and discuss methods from urban design and anthropology as well as scales of analysis to study urban life. Students can discuss their own research designs and projects and the methods they are using.

All students working on a project or assignment related to the urban are welcome to join.

Please register before 18 June with Roos Gerritsen gerritsen@eth.uni-heidelberg.de