

WORKSHOP

**Spaces of Violence in Democracies**

Convenors:

Eva Gerharz (Bochum), Christian Meyer (Siegen), and Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld)

**October 24 - 26, 2013**



Thursday, October 24, 2013

Arrival / Snack

13.45 Welcome address by ZiF and the convenors

14.00 Keynote  
Veena Das (John Hopkins)  
*The Braiding of Violence and Nonviolence in Hindu Imaginary: Its Modern Ramifications*

15.00 Keynote  
Alpa Shah (London)  
*Sacrifice, Violence and Democracy*

16.00 - Coffee break -

**16.30 Gendered Spaces of Violence**  
Chair: Eva Gerharz (Bochum)

Scott London (Randolph Macon)  
*Gender-based violence and legal transformation in an African democracy: Ethnographic perspectives on the awareness and effectiveness of law on family abuse in Senegal*

Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake (Colombo)  
*Of Grease Yakas and Other Moral Panics: Engendering Dynamics of Abjection in Democratic Governance*

18.30 Joint Discussion

19.00 Dinner at ZiF

Friday, October 25, 2013

- 8.30**                    **Experiencing Violence**  
Chair: Jonathan Spencer (Edinburgh)
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- Eva Rozalia Hölzle (Bielefeld)  
*Democracy in "No-Man's Land"? Dispossession, Violence and Fear at the Bangladesh-Assam Border*
- Dorothea Schulz (Cologne)  
*Specters of a Violent Past: Muslim Politics of Mourning and Public Recognition in Uganda*
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- 10.30                    - Coffee break -
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- 11.00**                    **Violent Accumulations**  
Chair: Christian Meyer (Siegen)
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- Nikolaus Schareika / Jannik Schritt (Göttingen)  
*Oil, Violence and Democracy in Niger*
- Shelley Feldman (Cornell)  
*Corrosive democracy: Social insecurity, land appropriation, and the demonization of the Hindu minority in Bangladesh*
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- 13.00                    Lunch
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- 14.00**                    **Un/Democratic Practices**  
Chair: Dorothea Schulz (Cologne)
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- David Pratten (Oxford)  
*Militant masks: youth and insecurity in the Niger Delta*
- Lucia Michelutti (Oxford)  
*"Criminal Rajas" in Indian Democracy*
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- 16.00                    Joint Discussion
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- 16.30                    Coffee Break
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- 17.00**                    **Round Table Discussion: Violence against Women in South Asian Democracies**
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- Introduction and Moderation by Paula Banerjee (Calcutta)  
Discussants: Veena Das (John Hopkins), Meghna Guhathakurta (Dhaka), Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake (Colombo), Ranabir Samadar (Calcutta)
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- 19.00                    Dinner at Wernings Weinstuben, Alter Markt 1
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Saturday, October 26, 2013

9.00

**Democratic Experiments vis-à-vis Religion**

Chair: Shelley Feldman (Cornell)

Jonathan Spencer (Edinburgh)

*"No armed groups here": Experiments with Democracy in Eastern Sri Lanka*

10.00

- Coffee break -

10.30

**Democratic Responses to Violence against Outsiders?**

Chair: Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld)

Meghna Guhathakurta (Dhaka)

*Understanding Violence, Strategizing Protection: Perspectives from 'Rohingya' Refugees in Bangladesh*

Ellen Bal (Amsterdam)

*Whose land is it anyway? Spaces of violence in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh*

12.30

Final Discussion

13.00

Snack

Departure

Discussants for all panels:

David Gellner (Oxford)

Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (Bielefeld)

Ranabir Samadar (Calcutta)