

# **Workshop 1: Towards an Intersectional Research Methodology**

**GGG Methodenwoche 2017 / Week of Methods 2017**

**17.07. – 20.07.2017**

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**Termine / Dates:**

Montag / Monday (17.07.17) 14:00 – 17:00

Dienstag / Tuesday (18.07.17) 09:15 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00

Mittwoch / Wednesday (19.07.17) 09:15 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00

Donnerstag / Thursday (20.07.17) 09:15 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00

Gemeinsame Mittagspause aller Teilnehmenden am Dienstag, Mittwoch und Donnerstag von 12:30 bis 14:00. / Joint lunch break on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 14:00.

**Kurzbeschreibung / Brief description:**

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the theoretical and epistemological debates that have informed "intersectionality" over the past decades. Coined by critical legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw (1989), with reference to the Black feminist experience, intersectionality has become a paradigmatic tool for mapping complex power relations in feminist research and activism. In this workshop we will explore intersectionality's Black feminist underpinnings to then trace its epistemological and methodological translations across academic disciplines and feminist traditions. In two practical sessions, participants will be working on their own research projects to develop an intersectional approach that fits their methodology.

**Zielgruppe / Target group:**

Einsteiger/innen und Fortgeschrittene & Promovierende aus naheliegenden Disziplinen / Beginners and advanced learners

**Vortrags- und Diskussionssprache / Language:** English

**Anzahl Teilnehmende / Number of participants:** 12

**Literatur / Literature:**

Brah, A. and Phoenix, A. 2004. Ain't I A Woman? Revisiting Intersectionality. *Journal of International Women's Studies* 5(3), pp.75-86.

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Kerner, I. 2012. Questions of Intersectionality: Reflections on the Current Debate in German Gender Studies. *European Journal of Women's Studies*. 19(2), pp.203-218.

McCall, L. 2005. The Complexity of Intersectionality. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. 30(3), pp.1771-1800.

Pithouse, R. 2016. Being Human After 1492. *The Con*, 16 November 2016. URL: <http://www.theconmag.co.za/2016/11/16/being-human-after-1492/>

**Leistungsnachweis / Certificate:**

The workshop will be evaluated based on a 10 page essay that reflects on the intersectional approach developed in the participant's own research project. The deadline for the essay is 1st September 2017.

