



Workshop on Conceptual History of the 20th Century (Historische Semantik des 20. Jahrhunderts)

Potsdam Centre of Contemporary History

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May 28th, 2011, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

This workshop precludes a research network focused on the political and social semantics in contemporary history. As studies in the field of conceptual history conventionally concentrate on the saddle period, this concept hasn't yet been keenly adapted to the 20th century, whose significant features – the internationalization of politics, the social expansion of speaker's circle within mass societies, the abundance of sources, last but not least the temporal proximity to the object – render a respective scientific undertaking rather difficult.

This workshop aims at surveying the state of the art on approaches and projects of a history of the basic concepts (*Grundbegriffe*) of the 20th century and asks for new methodical and theoretical perspectives within the research field of conceptual history, particularly with regard to peculiar phenomena of the period namely transnational and intercultural processes of transfer, radical disruptions in the experience of time, or the intertwined relations between mediality, pictoriality and language.

The scope of this exploratory workshop is to elaborate sustainable perspectives on a Conceptual History of the 20th century including specific forms of scientific cooperation in this field.

Programme:

- 10.00-10.30 Welcome and introduction
- 10.30-13.00 *Contemporary Concepts (Zugänge zu Zeitgeschichtlichen Semantiken)*
 - Willibald Steinmetz, Bielefeld
 - Alf Lüdtke, Erfurt (*to be confirmed*)
 - Philipp Sarasin, Zurich
 - Christian Geulen, Koblenz
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.30 *Transnational History of Concepts – ongoing research*
 - Javier Fernández Sebastián, Bilbao: Iberconceptos
 - Hagen Schulz-Forberg, Århus: Euro-Asian Global Translations
- 16.30-18.00 Discussion

We warmly invite all the participants to dinner after the workshop.

Venue: Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Am Neuen Markt 9d, 14467 Potsdam

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