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Conference on Communication

Categories, Types and Stereotypes in the Humanities and Social Sciences

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Once you label me you negate me.

– Søren Kierkegaard

A large degree of inaccessibility, precarious working conditions, and a difficult field for production complicate matters for future academic research within the scientific community. It is essential to counter these barriers. To this end, our under.docs team is organizing a second conference from **October 20 – 22, 2016** at the University of Vienna. Organized by students, the conference is intended for academics working before and at the pre-doctoral level, who aspire to an academic career, come from sociology or humanities backgrounds in the fields of communication and/or media, with reference to the thematic areas **Categories, Types and Stereotypes**. Young academics and students are hereby given the opportunity to present, discuss, and further develop their **completed or current pursuits within their Bachelor, Master, or PhD programs or other academic, research, and term-paper projects**.

The conference provides a platform for new sciences, disciplines, and academic fields, and treats this year's conference theme "Categories, Types, and Stereotypes" from within an integrative environment. Essential is the productive, appreciative, and professional exchange, which also offers possibilities for networking during the conference's events.

CATEGORIES, TYPES AND STEREOTYPES
IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



¹ The association, founded by students, under.docs is dedicated to the research by the future generation of academics in the humanities and social sciences. For more information, see <http://underdocs.univie.ac.at>

WORKSHOPS

The half-day workshops are directed toward students and young researchers whose **scientific projects are still in progress**, and they will be held in German. We invite proposal submissions by those who have already been active in the topic's focal points and who are interested in these and would like to augment their research work. The administration of the respective workshops will be assumed by postdoctoral students as well as professors, whose contributions align with constructive, productively supportive ideas and commentary.³ In small groups, the exchange among members will be intensified, providing for a high quality experience with the subject. Workshops are offered with the following concentrations.

Between Perpetuation and Deconstruction: Implementation of existing social categories in the research process

The scientific use of categories in research work frequently moves in the tensional field between the necessity of its implementation and the risk of reinforcing specific social criteria. This danger exists especially when there is no or little reflection of the research process as well as the selection and the origin of the respective categories. In the Workshop a discussion should follow which satisfies the demands of a scientific consideration of categories, to be able to recognize and deconstruct categories that have become problematic.

– administration by **Prof.ⁱⁿ Dr.ⁱⁿ Martina Thiele & Julia Goldmann, BA MA**

Power Relations as a Multilayered Topic: Intersectional perspectives on medial and communicative phenomena

The concept of intersectionality originates from the confrontation by black women with their specific positioning as a group affected by racism and sexism. Following these considerations, intersectional perspectives allow the overlapping of various power relations as for example heteronormativity, classism, ageism, and ableism to be taken into view and offer therefore the chance to avoid a one-dimensional and monocausal view of social relationships. The Workshop provides a group opportunity to think about how intersectionality, in the study of medial and communicative phenomena, can be applied methodologically as well as theoretically and contextually.

– administration by **Dr.ⁱⁿ Brigitte Geiger & Dr.ⁱⁿ Irmtraud Voglmayr**

Visual studies in social sciences: Categories, Types and Stereotypes in regards to images.

Types and stereotypes are reflected in visuals; moreover, categories are applied in the research of the aforementioned. Within social sciences visual communication is a wide ranging subject, comprising a spectrum of theoretical and methodical research approaches. During the workshop participants will present their research project briefly, so that thematic limitations and target-aimed research questions can be discussed. Additionally, suggestions in terms of methodical realization will be made.

– administration by **Mag.^a Marion Krammer & Dr.ⁱⁿ Margarethe Szeless**

² The primary language of the conference is German. We are also pleased to receive English language submissions. This option allows us to offer a selection so that the largest possible number can participate in the language they feel most comfortable.

Submissions to Lead Workshops

The Extended Abstracts to be completed in German or English should be approximately **3.000 to 5.000 characters** (including spaces and excluding references, illustrations, and tables). They should include a separate cover sheet with the lecture title, name, and academic title, former and current studies (Bachelor, Master, or PhD studies) including name of institute and university as well as contact information. Including the number of completed semesters in a current program is optional. For exact information on the formal criteria, please refer to the website <http://underdocs.univie.ac.at/einreichung>.

The Extended Abstracts may be submitted electronically as a pdf document until **11 September 2016** at the following email address: call.underdocs@univie.ac.at. To encourage intensive discussions and work, the workshops will be divided into small groups. For this reason, the number of participants in each workshop is limited. All Workshops are held at the same time, therefore participants are limited to only one. The Abstracts will be selected according to an internal review. The selection can be expected at the end of August 2016.

If you have any questions at all, you are welcome to contact at any time underdocs@univie.ac.at or to visit our website <http://underdocs.univie.ac.at>.

We look forward to receiving your submission!

Best Wishes,
Your under.docs team

³ Current information on the workshop leaders and contents as well as literature will be made available through the website: underdocs.univie.ac.at/workshops.