

Public Forum:

Challenges and promises of diversity: refugee policies and citizenship politics

Date: Friday, March 16

Venue: Mercator Centre Berlin - Neue Promenade 6, 10178

Background

This public forum brings together academics and civil society groups interested in issues around fostering diversity and pluralism and opening up communities to newcomers. We are interested in understanding why, how and under what conditions some communities are more open to cultural differences than others and what types of projects and policies facilitate openness to newcomers. Within this context, the role of the arts and other forms of cultural production (such as kitchen projects, cafes and work projects) play an important role. Participants will reflect conceptually and on specific projects about how civil society initiatives can act as alternative sites from which to challenge notions of who does and does not belong in the community and foster inclusionary ways of living together.

9:30 – 9:45 am

Introductions & Welcome

9:45 – 11:00 am

Presentations

Feyzi Baban

Associate Professor, Political Studies and International Development Studies Departments, Trent University, Peterborough, Canada

Kim Rygiel

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & Balsillie School of International Affairs; Associate Director, International Migration Research Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Canada

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Stefanie Kron

Head of International Politics and Social Movements Division, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, Germany

Cornelia Schu

Managing Director, The Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (SVR); Director, Expert Council's Research Unit

11:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Discussion

*** Lunch 12:30 – 13:30 pm* **

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Workshop Continues

1:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Round Table: Collaborative Possibilities

This is a collective discussion with all workshop members (to continue after lunch in Mercator Centre Berlin)

