

About the workshop

The workshop aims at discussing how torture, as a bodily political practice, affects and is affected by society. What relations exist, in Mary Douglas' categories, between the violated physical body in its potential visibility on the one hand and the social body on the other hand? The linkages between the corresponding levels of analysis, the level of the torture situation with its embodied participants and the level of society, are addressed with special attention to two modes of inter-mediation between these levels: the (in-)visibility of tortured bodies and violent boundary drawing by torture.

The conference brings together colleagues from sociology, social anthropology, psychology, history, law, and political sciences.

Convenors

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"Torture and Body Knowledge"
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Interdisciplinary Workshop

Torture and Society Violated Bodies and Politics of (In-)Visibility



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23 – 25 June 2022

AGENDA

Thursday, 23 June 2022

- 12:00 Lunch / snack 🍽️
- 13:00 - 13:30 Katharina Inhetveen / Daniel Bultmann (Siegen / Berlin):
Welcome and Introduction
- 13:30 - 14:30 Andrew M. Jefferson (Copenhagen):
Opening Keynote: Deciphering and Detoxifying Torturing Societies and Torturable Populations
- 14:30 - 15:15 Max Breger (Siegen):
Strategies of (In-)Visibility: Torture, Suffering, and Psychological Knowledge in the 'War on Terror'
- 15:15 Coffee break ☕
- 15:45 - 16:30 Daniel Bultmann (Berlin / Siegen):
The Politics of Authenticity and Emotion in Tuol Sleng Visitor Books
- 16:30 - 17:15 Christina Schütz (Siegen):
Making Sense of Past Torture in a Troubled Present: References from Chile
- 17:30 - 19:00 José Giribás Marambio (Berlin / Santiago de Chile)
Presentation of Photo Exhibition "Torture Is Not Talked About" – with Discussion
- 19:15 Dinner 🍽️

Friday, 24 June 2022

- 09:15 - 10:00 Melanie Collard (London):
State Torture, Dehumanized Bodies, and Processes of Exclusion (online)
- 10:00 - 10:45 Budi Hernawan (Jakarta):
Torture in the Postcolony of Papua (online)
- 10:45 Coffee break ☕
- 11:15 - 12:00 Tobias Kelly / Wangui Kimari (Edinburgh / Nairobi):
Torturable Bodies and Tactics of (In)visibility (hybrid)
- 12:15 Lunch 🍽️
- 13:30 - 14:15 Salman Hussain (Amherst):
The Biopolitics of Torture: Detention and Exception from Colonial Violence to the 'War on Terror' in South Asia
- 14:15 - 15:00 Annette Förster (Duisburg-Essen):
Torture as Terror in the Algerian War
- 15:00 Coffee break ☕
- 15:30 - 16:15 Ergün Cakal (Copenhagen):
Torture and Progress, Past and Promised. A Socio-Legal Critique of Torture's Evolving Interpretation
- 16:15 - 17:00 Rainer Huhle (Nuremberg):
The Torture of Forced Disappearance

- 17:15 - 18:45 Round Table Discussion:
Torture, Academia, and Political Activity: Challenges and Chances of Combining Perspectives of Involvement
- 19:00 Dinner 🍽️

Saturday, 25 June 2022

- 09:00 - 09:45 Katharina Inhetveen (Siegen):
Torture and Populist Masculinity: Political Profits of Ostentatious Illegitimate Violence
- 09:45 - 10:30 Klaus Weinbauer (Bielefeld):
Beyond Milgram: Historical Perspectives on Torture as State Violence
- 10:30 Coffee break ☕
- 11:00 - 12:00 Gesa Lindemann (Oldenburg):
Concluding Keynote: Torture and Legitimacy
- 12:00 - 12:45 Discussion / Outlook:
On Torture, Body, and Society: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Future Challenges
Planning of workshop publication
- 13:00 Lunch 🍽️
- End of Workshop