

**Decentring 'Western' Sociology? Towards a Conversation Between Postsocialist, Postcolonial and Decolonial Research**

**18 June 2021, Location: Zoom-Meeting 9.30 – 17.30; Organizers: Anna Amelina (Cottbus)/ Helma Lutz (Frankfurt)**

**Vortragssprachen: Deutsch und Englisch**

Critical reflection of 'Western' theories and methodologies has become quite fashionable in the social sciences. Some of the relevant debates presuppose a critical reflection of theories of modernization and globalization. Others, such as those involving postcolonial approaches, pay particular attention to global asymmetries of power and knowledge. Still others, among them more recent contributions such as decolonial approaches, direct radical criticism at 'Western' scientific thought (using, in particular, Marxist theories). While these intra- or interdisciplinary debates increasingly include research on postsocialist relations, the conversation between postcolonial and decolonial thought on one side and postsocialist thought on the other does not currently seem to be the focus of social scientific attention in the context of global sociology. In order to provide more sophisticated analyses of cross-border entanglements of power relations, of the multiple and often interwoven forms of coloniality and of tools for decentring 'Western' methodologies, the aim of the proposed workshop is to intensify and deepen the conversation between post- and decolonial studies and research on postsocialist societies.

9.30 – 9.45 **Einführung** (Helma Lutz, Frankfurt & Anna Amelina, Cottbus)

9.45 -- 10.00 **Vorstellungsrunde**

10.00 – 10.30

**Inter-imperiality and Politics of Positionality between and beyond the Global South and the Global East** (Manuela Boatca, Freiburg)

10.30 – 11.00

**Knowledge Production and Circulation: Why Decolonising Matters also beyond the Post-colonial Contexts** (Joanna Pfaff, Bielefeld)

11.00 – 11.15 Pause

11.15 – 11.45

**Understanding Integration and Diversity Development in a Postsocialist Environment** (Birgit Glorius, Chemnitz)

11.45 – 12.15

**Invektive Kodierungen von Interkulturalität** (Heike Greschke, Dresden)

12.15 – 13.15 Pause

13.15 – 13.45

***Decolonial Perspectives on Entangled Inequalities*** (Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez, Gießen)

13.45 – 14.15

***Epistemic Inequalities in Collaborative Research: Some Reflections*** (Eva Gerharz, Fulda)

14.15 – 14.30 Pause

14.30 – 15.00

***Migrating West in Post-Enlargement Europe: Theorizing Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Belonging in the Example of Poland*** (Karolina Bargłowski, Dortmund)

15.00 – 15.30

***Reflexive Perspektive in der Migrationsforschung*** (Boris Nieswand, Tübingen)

15.30 – 16.00

***Tba*** (Elisabeth Tuidier, Kassel)

**16.00 – 17.30: Allgemeine Diskussion** (Moderation: Anna Amelina und Helma Lutz)

**17.30 Ende des Workshops**