

# A New Social Question or Crisis as Usual?

## Historical and Sociological Perspectives on Inequalities

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar of the BGHS

4-6 June 2014



## The Poster



The poster of the Annual Seminar 2014 shows the photo „Protest against the G8 Summit, Italy 2001“ by Julian Röder.

The awarded photographer Julian Roeder was born in 1981 in East Germany and grew up in Berlin. After training as a photographer at the agency “Ostkreuz” he studied photography at the School of Visual Arts in Leipzig. In 2009, he got his diploma from the HAW in Hamburg. Julian Röder is represented by the agency “Ostkreuz” since 2004. The agency sees itself as a network of photographers who represent a common position and who have a similar interest in the world.

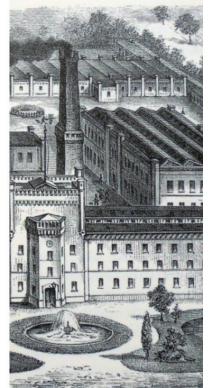
The photo belongs to his long-term documentation project “The Summits”. Since 2001 Julian Röder takes pictures of protest movements around G8 summits. It is also his first major work which portrays protests at the edges of the security zones of state summits all around the world. This image shows very vividly how structures of power are negotiated. Indeed, the picture has an obvious political attitude by addressing the protest directly, but the picture also contains a huge ambivalence. It acts touching but equally disconcerting. The protests in the sunshine with palm trees create a strong intensity. Insistently, one is wondering: What is going on here? Indeed, we as social scientist, share the same question. We are studying social movements because they show the effects of the state and economy on civil society.

## The Location

The Annual Seminar 2014 is located in the historical main building of the “Ravensberger Spinnerei”, a textile company from the early phase of German industrialisation. The complex was built from 1855 to 1857 as a textile factory. The palace-like look (including the many towers) was intended. However where a palace might have a coat of arms over the main entrance, the Ravensberger Spinnerei has a clock.

The joint-stock company was founded by Hermann Delius, a member of the wealthy local textile-merchant class. Bielefeld’s merchant-families, which financed the company along with the Prussian state, had made great fortunes in international textile trade. Their products of choice were regional homespun textile products (mostly linen). This homework based economy however suffered a severe crisis in the middle of 19th century which led to mass poverty. The founding of the factory was (at least for the financiers) a successful attempt to escape the crisis of the homespun textile business by the means of industrialization. In the 19th and early 20th century it was one of the biggest textile factories in Europe. In 1874, the Ravensberger Spinnerei employed 1700 workers (mostly women). Business declined after that, although the company profited during the Nazi-regime from the autarky policy. During the war many women from Eastern Europe were forced to work in the factory until the building was heavily damaged as the result of an air raid.

After the production was ceased in the 1960s, the property transferred into the ownership of the city of Bielefeld. A civil society campaign saved the building from plans to sacrifice the area for car traffic. In the 1980s it was restored with great effort. The effort was awarded in November 1986 with the European price for historical monument preservation (*Europäischer Denkmalpflegepreis*). Today the area is a cultural center of the region: Bielefeld’s Volkshochschule (adult education center) is located in the main building, where it often hosts cultural and academic events. The other buildings are used by the Historical Museum of Bielefeld, a repertory cinema (Lichtwerk) and other cultural locations.



# Welcome to the Annual Seminar 2014

## Dear Participants and Guests,

First of all, thank you for making your way to Bielefeld! We are pleased to welcome you at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar *A New Social Question or Crisis as Usual?* of the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS). Our aim was to bring together as many researchers from all over the world as possible. We are glad, that so many of you answered our Call for Papers and that our Annual Seminar received attention in the scientific community around the globe.

How actors do and did construct social inequalities are two of the most pressing sociological and historical questions. This year's BGHS Annual Seminar *A New Social Question or Crisis as Usual?* brings together more than twenty international scholars tackling different aspects of the leading question. The conference focuses on the analysis of the conditions and mechanisms that lead to normative evaluations of inequalities. From a historical and sociological perspective the question will be asked: Is there a new "social question" or can current developments be seen just as one of "the usual crises"?

We are sure that with your contributions, we will all enjoy a fruitful and inspiring Annual Seminar. Historians and sociologists from around the globe are invited to join us in Bielefeld – to attend the conference, to participate actively in the discussions, and to contribute with their academic work to this year's conference theme. We are all really pleased that young scholars from all over the world, like the USA, India, Tanzania, Ukraine, Poland, Turkey and Bulgaria accepted our invitation to talk about nowadays and past inequalities and forms of crisis.

Among the highlights of our conference are keynote lectures by renowned scholars working in fields related to the theme of the conference. We are glad to welcome LOÏC WACQUANT (Berkeley), SYLVIA WALBY (Lancaster), ANGELIKA POFERL (Fulda), HARTMUT KAELEBLE (Berlin), ELMAR RIEGER (Bamberg) and THOMAS FAIST (Bielefeld).

We are looking forward to meeting you all!



## Your Organization Team of the Annual Seminar 2014

Left to right: CHRISTIAN ULBRICHT, HENRIK DOSDALL, KAROLINA BARGŁOWSKI,  
PAUL-MATTHIAS TYRELL, DOROTHEE WILM, GLEB KASAKOV

## Programme

### Wednesday, June 4, Historischer Saal, Ravensberger Spinnerei

- 15:30 Registration
- 16:00 Welcome & Introduction  
PROF. DR. THOMAS WELSKOPP (BGHS Director), Bielefeld  
Annual Seminar Organization Team
- 16:15 **Keynote Speech:** *Lifting the Veil of Crisis: Structure and Transformation in Urban Marginality.* PROF. LOÏC WACQUANT, PhD, Berkeley/Paris



*Loïc Wacquant is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Researcher at the Centre de sociologie européenne, Paris. He grew up in Southern France and he received his training in economics and sociology in France and the United States (Paris, Chapel Hill, Chicago). As student and close collaborator of Pierre Bourdieu for two decades, he has been a visiting professor in Los Angeles, New York, Rio de Janeiro, Vienna, and Paris.*

- 17:00 Discussion
- 18:00 Different From What You Expected Once Again – Experience From an Exhibition Project with Immigrated People.  
HERMINE OBERÜCK and GERTRAUD STROHM-KATZER, Bielefeld
- Ever since 2006, photographer Hermine Oberück and cultural manager Gertraud Strohm-Katzer have been travelling from city to city with a unique project: they portray people of all generations who were forced to leave home because of war, political prosecution or a burdensome environment and who have faced a new beginning in Germany between 1945 and today. The exhibition has grown to include 70 photos accompanied by personal statements taken from interviews. The makers are especially interested in showing how the contributors have overcome the difficulties in their lives, which skills they possess and what circumstances they have to deal with where they are. Through this approach, the story of each and every one proves to be the opposite of well-established clichés and group classifications. The variety of viewpoints lets the contributors enter into a dialogue with one another in which the spectator can participate as well. The observations and impressions from long years of occupation with the topic give the project a documentary dimension which also depicts changes in the way society deals with 'integration'.*
- »I integrate from dawn till dusk« Of having to leave and arriving.  
A touring exhibition by HERMINE OBERÜCK and GERTRAUD STROHM-KATZER  
[[www.migrationsausstellung.de](http://www.migrationsausstellung.de), from 26 April to 17 July 2014, Historisches Museum in Bielefeld]
- 19:00 Conference Get-together  
Everybody is invited to join the Get-together that will take place right after the talks at the Historischer Saal. A simple buffet and beverages are offered and will provide a pleasant setting to talk, discuss, ask questions and – most important – get to know each other. We would be happy to welcome you there!

## Thursday, June 5, Murnau Saal, Ravensberger Spinnerei

08:00 Registration

09:00 Introduction Day 2 | Chair: KAROLINA BARGLOWSKI & CHRISTIAN ULBRICHT

09:15 **Keynote Speech:** *On the Transnational Social Question in Europe: Social Inequalities in Mobility/Migration.* PROF. THOMAS FAIST, PhD, Bielefeld



*Thomas Faist (PhD, New School for Social Research) is Professor for the Sociology of Transnationalization, Development and Migration at the Faculty of Sociology at Bielefeld University, Dean of the Faculty and deputy director of the Collaborative Research Centre 882 "From Heterogeneities to Inequalities".*

*His fields of interest are transnational relations, citizenship, social policy, development and migration. He held visiting professorships, among other places, at Malmö University and the University of Toronto. Thomas Faist is a member of the editorial boards of Ethnic and Racial Studies, South Asian Diaspora, Social Inclusion, Migration and Development and the Pakistan Journal of Social Issues.*

10:00 *How Values and Inequality Impact Protest Behavior in Ukraine and Post-Socialist Societies.* SVITLANA KHUTKA, Kiev

*Managing Crisis, Avoiding Revolution: On Southern Protests and Perpetuation of Order in Algeria.* THOMAS SERRES, Saint Étienne

Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 *Bringing Interaction Back In: Transnational Social Movements as Global Microstructures.* RAINALD MANTHE, Bielefeld

*A "New Social Exclusion" or "Social Inequalities as Usual"? The Political Debate on Social Exclusion in France 1960–1990.* SARAH HABDENTEUFEL, Frankfurt am Main

Discussion

12:30 Lunch in the Cafeteria, Ravensberger Spinnerei

13:45 **Keynote Speech:** *Human Rights, Social Inequalities and Cosmopolitan Solidarities.* PROF. DR. ANGELIKA POFERL, Fulda



*Angelika Poferl studies Sociology, Social Psychology and Social and Economic History at LMU Munich, where she has been Assistant Professor until 2005 and Junior Professor until 2010. Since 2010 she holds a chair in the Sociology of Globalization at Fulda University of Applied Sciences. Her current research topics are Globalization, Europeanization, Social Inequalities, Human Rights, Sociology of Knowledge.*

14:30 *Tourists and Vagabonds in 21st Century Societies. Discussing Conceptual Questions of Social Inequality and Transmigration.* ANNA-LISA MÜLLER, Bremen

*Muslim Imaginaries on Economic Inequality in New York City.*

ALETTA DIEFENBACH, Frankfurt am Main

*The Post-Communist Transition and the "Europeanization" of Social Inequality: The Neo-Liberal Peripheralization of Roma in CEE Countries.* SORIN GOG, Helsinki

Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 *Tanzanian Neoliberal Hegemony and Gendered Coping Strategies to a Fast Changing Neoliberal Context: A Case Study of Rural Tanzania.* RASEL MPUYA MADAH, Mwanza  
*Revising Common Knowledge: Social Justice as an Issue of Informational Basis of Judgment.* Vando Borghi, Bologna  
*The Margins and Centers of Social Inequality within Transnational Higher Education in Africa.* BUYANA KAREEM, Stanford  
Discussion

18:00 **Keynote Speech:** *Gender and the Crisis: Is this „Gendered Austerity as Usual“ or „a Turning Point in the Trajectory of the Gender Regime“?* PROF. SYLVIA WALBY, Lancaster



*Sylvia Walby is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, UK. She was awarded an OBE for services to equal opportunities and diversity in 2008. She was founding President, European Sociological Association, 1995-7, and was President of Research Committee 02 Economy and Society, International Sociological Association, 2006-10. She has conducted research for the UN, European Parliament, European Commission, European Institute for Gender Equality, UK Home Office, Equality and Human Rights Commission, and ESRC.*

20:00 Conference Dinner

A long conference day should be completed with a good meal. We will have a conference dinner at the L'arabesque – a small but nice restaurant close to the conference location. The L'arabesque offers oriental food with a considerably range of vegetarian dishes. If you have questions how to get there, do not hesitate to ask the organization team. Address: L'arabesque, August-Bebel-Str. 47, 33602 Bielefeld

## Friday, June 6, Murnau Saal, Ravensberger Spinnerei

09:00 Introduction Day 3 | Chair: HENRIK DOSDALL, PAUL-MATTHIAS TYRELL & DOROTHEE WILM

09:15 **Keynote Speech:** *The Society of Social Policy: The Politics of Social Inequality in Historical Comparison.* Prof. Dr. Elmar Rieger, Bamberg



*Elmar Rieger studied sociology and history at the University of Mannheim and received his diploma in 1985. His doctoral degree (1989) is from the European University Institute in Florence. He was research associate and visiting professor for sociology at the Universities of Mannheim, Bremen, Heidelberg and Konstanz. He was also visiting professor at Brown University in Providence (R.I.) from 2000 to 2001. In 2003 he became senior scientific assistant (Wissenschaftlicher Oberassistent) at the Center of Social Policy in Bremen. Since 2008 he is professor for sociology at Bamberg University. In his numerous publications one of his recurring topics is the welfare state, especially in the context of globalization. His current main research is the welfare-state in historical-comparative perspective, the sociology of international law and international relations and sociological theory.*

- 10:00 *Structural Transformations and New Challenges. The Reaction of Western German Labor Unions to the Multifaceted Crisis of the 1970s.* SEBASTIAN VOIGT, Munich  
*Heterogeneities and Social Inequalities at the University in Historical Perspective.* PATRICIA PIELAGE, Bielefeld  
 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 *Class and Recognition,* ÁKOS HUSZÁR, Budapest  
*Does Class Still Matter? Changes in the Analysis of Social Inequalities in the Sociology of Work.* CARINA ALTREITER, Vienna  
 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch in the Cafeteria, Ravensberger Spinnerei
- 14:00 *Social Inequalities in the Discursive Trap of „Poverty“ and „Distance“.* BLAGOVESTA NIKOLOVA, Sofia  
*Symbolic Domination and Social Sciences. (Re)production of (Semi)Peripheral Inequalities through Sociological Discourse.* TOMASZ WARCZOK, Warsaw  
*Caste Inequality as Political Rhetoric: A Case of BSP in Uttar Pradesh India.* MANISH TIWARI, New-Delhi  
 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 *New Answers to Old Questions? Conservative Activism and the Economic Crisis in the United States.* BEN MERRIMAN, Chicago  
*Real Estate Markets and Financial Crises.* LUIGI DROSTE, Münster  
*A Crisis within a Crisis: A Sociological Perspective on the 2007 Financial Crisis and the Greek Case.* PANAGIOTIS MANOLAKOS, Athens  
 Discussion
- 17:30 **Keynote Speech: Social Inequality in Europe between the 1950s and 1970s.**  
 PROF. DR. EM. HARTMUT KAEUBLE, Berlin



*Hartmut Kaelble studied history, sociology and constitutional law in Tübingen and Berlin. He received his doctoral degree from the Freie Universität Berlin in 1966. In 1968 he became assistant and later assistant professor at the Institute for Social and Economic History at the FU Berlin, where he was since 1971 professor for social and economic history. In 1991 he became professor for social history at the Humboldt University Berlin and is now professor emeritus. He was also fellow in Harvard and Oxford and visiting professor at the Sorbonne (Paris I). He received numerous honors, among them a Dr. (hc) of the Sorbonne (Paris I). In more than 200 publications he dealt with topics like European and German social history, German economic history and the theory of historical comparison just to name a few.*

- 18:15 Round-up & Farewell



## Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology

The Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS) was founded in 2008 as an international graduate school and is currently in its second phase of funding through the Excellence Initiative of the German Government. At present, the BGHS supports 180 doctoral researchers in their academic training and dissertation research. The Graduate School is founded on the bottom-up principle and places great value on the independent initiative of its doctoral researchers.

The BGHS is a joint institution of the History Department of the Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology and the Faculty of Sociology at Bielefeld University. The BGHS benefits from the longstanding strength and visibility in both research and teaching of the constituent disciplines history and sociology. It is characterized by a strong theoretical and methodological foundation and by openness to interdisciplinarity. Its principal aim is to educate and train creative, communicative and autonomous young researchers and integrate them into diverse international academic cultures at an early stage of their career. The BGHS is committed to preparing its doctoral researchers for leading roles in either the academic world or professional contexts outside the academia, including almost all doctoral researchers in history and sociology into its programme.

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## The Annual Seminar

Every year the doctoral researchers of the BGHS convene a conference – the Annual Seminar – inviting researchers and graduate students in both disciplines from all over the world to come to Bielefeld and discuss their research projects in an interdisciplinary peer environment. The conference promotes exchange between researchers across disciplines and creates an international platform for the presentation of current research projects.

This year's Annual Seminar meets June 4 to 6, 2014, in Bielefeld, and is devoted to investigate the normative evaluations of past and present-time social inequalities, asking if we are facing a 'New Social Question' or a 'Crisis as Usual?'

With regard to the content, the BGHS has organized during the last six years diverse Annual Seminars—yet the main goal was always to bring historians and sociologists together. The thematic focus of the past events were in 2013 “Work in a Globalising World: Gender, Mobility, Markets”, in 2012 “Control’s Other Sides - Contemporary and Historical Perspectives” in 2011 “From Time to Space? Current Conceptual Challenges in History and Sociology” in 2010 “Dynamics and Change” and in 2009 “End of Messages? The State of the Dialogue between History and Sociology”.

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