

WHY EMOTIONS MATTER

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INTERDISCIPLINARY REFLECTIONS FROM HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Workshop, 23rd October 2012, 10.00am-17.00pm

DFG Research Training Group 1599 „Dynamics of Space and Gender: discovering – conquering – inventing – narrating”

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Why do emotions matter? Scholars from manifold disciplines dedicate their research to this question. Focusing on the Humanities the research of emotions has become a widely expanding and highly productive subfield. In the last decade a variety of different approaches has been developed. The workshop seeks to bring together positions elaborated in History and Sociology in order to initialise an interdisciplinary dialogue. As disciplines of the Social Sciences, both History and Sociology are deeply interconnected. Therefore the aim of the workshop is to elaborate the links as well as the limitations of the interdisciplinary discussion. As a general introduction to the topic, three talks will concentrate on theories of emotions from a historical and sociological perspective. In the second part of the workshop participants are invited to contemplate the relevance of theories and methods of emotions in their particular field of research and to discuss why emotions could matter.

The workshop should be of particular interest to PhD students and is open to any person concerned in this field of study.

Deadline:

Persons interested to participate of the workshop at the University of Kassel on the 23rd October 2012 are encouraged to contact the organisers directly by 05th October 2012:

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Programme:

9.30-10.00am Welcome Coffee

I. THEORETICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE RESEARCH OF EMOTIONS

10.00-10.45am

Philippa Maddern (University of Western Australia, Medieval History): Changing the History of Culture or Changing the Nature of History? How the History of Emotions affects Historiography

10.45-11.30am

Christian von Scheve (FU Berlin, Sociology): The Sociology of Emotion: Between Cultural Analysis and Affective Science

11.30-11.45am Coffee Break

11.45-13.00pm Interdisciplinary Discussion

13.00-14.00pm Lunch

II. EMOTIONS IN CONTEXT – DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

14.00-14.45pm

Claudia Jarzebowski (FU Berlin, Early Modern History): How to do Politics with Emotions: Christina of Sweden in her Memoirs (1626-1689)

14.45-15.00pm Coffee Break

15.00-17.00pm Discussion of Dissertation Projects