HUMAN DIFFERENTIATION
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SORTING PEOPLE INTO KINDS
PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN DIFFERENTIATION

December 5–7, 2024

Atrium Maximum,
Alte Mensa, JGU Mainz

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

• **Anthony Appiah**, NYU

• **Alondra Nelson**, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ

• **Loïc Wacquant**, UC Berkeley

• **Eviatar Zerubavel**, Rutgers University, NJ

Thursday, December 5

9:15 am — Welcome

HUMAN DIFFERENTIATION ILLUSTRATED

9:25 am–10:15 am	**Stefan Hirschauer**, JGU Mainz Sorting People into Kinds. Introducing Human Differentiation
10:30 am–11:20 am	**Tobias Boll**, JGU Mainz Sorting Out Sex. Sexualities and their People
11:25 am–12:15 pm	**Benjamin Wihstutz**, JGU Mainz Doing Dis/ability. Performing, Passing, Differentiating
	Lunch Break

LANGUAGE AND COGNITION

1:15 pm–2:25 pm	**Eviatar Zerubavel,** Rutgers University, NJ Social Grouping. Cognitive Sociology and the Phenomenology of Social Distance
2:35 pm–3:25 pm	**Roland Imhoff**, JGU Mainz Facing Differences. Lumping People based on Visual Impressions
3:30 pm–4:20 pm	**Erez Levon**, University of Bern Kinds, Loops, and the Social Experience of Categories
4:40 pm–5:30 pm	**Nico Nassenstein**, JGU Mainz Language and (Self-)recognition in East Africa
5:50 pm–7:00 pm	**Alondra Nelson**, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ Sociotechnical Turns in The Social Life of DNA. From the Human Genome Project to AI
Starting 7:30 pm	*Conference Dinner at Heiliggeist*

Friday, December 6

MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURES

9:15 am–10:05 am	**Mimi Sheller**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Producing 'People' through Moving, Fixing, Parting, and Commoning: Towards a Mobile Theory of Human Differentiation
10:10 am–11:00 am	**Annalisa Pelizza**, Università di Bologna Scripts of Alterity: The Data Infrastructural Enactment of People on the Move to Europe as Migrants
11:15 am–12:05 pm	**Wendy Chun**, Simon Fraser University From Algorithmic Discrimination to Recognition. The Technology and Politics of Authenticating Difference
12:10 pm–1:00 pm	**Gabriele Schabacher**, JGU Mainz Infrastructures of Human Differentiation. From Architecture to Data
	Lunch Break

BODIES AND STATUS

2:00 pm–2:50 pm	**Mita Banerjee**, JGU Mainz Living in 'The Village' of Successful Aging: Age, Whiteness and Wealth
2:55 pm–3:45 pm	**Mara Loveman**, UC Berkeley Enslaved Women, Free Wombs: How Gradual Abolition of Slavery Created New Kinds of Unequal Human Kinds
4:00 pm–4:50 pm	**Ghassan Hage**, The University of Melbourne On the Usage of Animal Metaphors in Everyday Racialising Practices
4:55 pm–5:45 pm	**Matthias Krings**, JGU Mainz Melanin Matters. Coloristic Human Differentiation
6:00 pm–7:10 pm	**Loïc Wacquant**, UC Berkeley Race as a Social Principle of Vision and Division
From 8 pm:	*Dinner for Speakers at Meditarreneo*

Saturday, December 7

BOUNDARIES AND POLITICS

9:30 am–10:20 am	**Oliver Scheiding**, JGU Mainz Zines, Fans, Allies: Intensities of Affiliation in Micro-Media
10:25 am–11:15 am	**Dilek Dizdar**, JGU Mainz Borders and Bordering. Translation in asylum settings
11:30 am–1:00 pm	**Anthony Appiah**, NYU Polation and the Politics of Identity & Final Discussion

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