

# Mobilized Futures. The Role of Imagination and Aspiration in the Transformation of the Present

International conference organized by the department for Cultural Anthropology, Graz University, in cooperation with the Graz Art Museum, and the dgy-commission Mobilities\_Regime (org.by Johanna Rolshoven, Regina Römhild, Barbara Steiner, Kathrin Bucher-Trantow)

**Graz Art Museum, space 0.4, 15.-16.11.2018**

**Thursday, 15.11.2018**

**18.30–19.00h Opening**

**19.15h key note**

## **Arjun Appadurai (New York): Enlightenment Values and The Crises of Europe Today**

The lecture will focus on the debates surrounding migration in Europe, and suggest that it is worth taking a long view of these debates, since they raise vital questions about the values forged during the period of Enlightenment. While Europe, during its centuries of imperial expansion, exported its problems to the rest of the world, the world's problems are today being played out in Europe. What is the best way to respond to this reversal?

**20.15h A Kitchen of Stories (Dinner)**

Recipes that tell of migration, food, imagination, longing, and humanity. With photographer Maryam Mohammadi, text artist Kate Howlett-Jones, cook Evi Papangiotou, and over 20 women from the SOMM community centre, this collection was first put together in Graz in 2016 - and is now recreated for us.

**Friday, 16.11.2018**

**SESSION 1 (9.00–10.10h) MODERATION: JOHANNA ROLSHOVEN**

9.20–9.45h Regina Römhild (Berlin): *Moments of Post-Otherness. Imagining past futures*

9.45–10.10h Jens Adam, (Berlin): *Relating European Modernities. How assemblages of urban mobilities co-create contemporary cityness*

10.10–10.25h Coffee break

**SESSION 2 (10.25–12.00h) MODERATION: REGINA RÖMHILD**

10.25–10.50h Antonia Alampi (Berlin): *Geographies of Imagination*

10.50–11.15h Miriam Gutekunst (Munich): *Contesting imaginations of love and marriage within the European border regime*

11.15–12.00h **COMMENTS & DISCUSSION**

12.00–13.00h Lunch

**SESSION 3 (13.00–14.30h) MODERATION: CLAIRE BULLEN**

13.00–13.25h **Johanna Rolshoven** (Graz): *Imagination and Culture Building: the “principle of hope” revisited*

13.25–13.50h **Harald Koberg** (Graz): *Digital games as virtual places. The migration of gamers between virtual and physical spaces and its effects on structures of power*

13.50–14.15h **Anja Decker** (Munich): *Lifestyle mobility and the promise of yet another new beginning for the rural Bohemian borderlands*

14.15–15.00h **COMMENTS & DISCUSSION**

15.00–15.15h Coffee break

**SESSION 4 (15.15–17.00h) MODERATION: INGO SCHNEIDER**

15.15–15.40h Peter Hörz (Esslingen): *Cosmopolitan Sex Workers. Remarks on the multilocal lifestyle of mobile same-sex oriented male escorts, their ‘queer’ underclass cosmopolitanism, and their imaginations of the destinations travelled*

15.40–16.05h Katrin Ecker (Linz): *Bad Gastein. Let’s have a Moscow mule in Sissyland*

16.05–16.30h Christine Thiel (Munich): *„Imaginations” as the driving force of Digital Nomadism?*

16.30–17.00h **DISCUSSION**

17.00–17.15h Coffee break

**SESSION 5 (17.15– 20.00h) ENCOUNTERS: CIVIL SOCIETY, ARTS & ANTHROPOLOGY**

17.15–18.00h Barbara Steiner guides through the exhibition: **Congo Stars. Art and Diaspora in Kongo**

18.00–18.30h Fingerfood & Wine

**18.30–20.00h Podium: The Future of Political Imagination.**

Moderation: Katrin Bucher Trantow

**Martin Baasch** (Graz theatre), **Godswill Eyawo** (Migrants Advisory Council Graz), **Regina Römhild** (Humboldt-University Berlin), **Barbara Steiner** (Art Museum Graz), **Johanna Rolshoven** (Graz University)

**20.00h Dinner**

**Saturday, 17.11.2018**

**10-11.30h Meeting for anyone interested in** dgV-Commission Mobilitäten\_Regime, Department for Cultural Anthropology & European Ethnology, Attemsgasse 25/EG, 8010 Graz