

## Affective Relationality

The First International Conference of the Collaborative Research Center Affective Societies is based on the assumption that affect unfolds essentially in relation – both interpersonally and in the form of deep attachments to places, collectives, technologies and artifacts. Accordingly, affects have to be conceptualized as a dynamic relationality that traverses between and across individuals and not as inner ‘mental states’. Affect constitutes human subjects as it binds them into social, material and technological constellations.

The conference aims to sharpen a transdisciplinary understanding of affective relationality. For this purpose it combines case studies with theoretical contributions from the fields of social and cultural anthropology, sociology, cultural geography as well as culture and media studies to give shape to affective relationality as a fundamental dimension of human reality. Areas of interest are the formation of affective bonds in child rearing constellations across cultures, affective attachment to place in migration and diaspora contexts and the affective shaping of subjectivities.

## Affective Societies

The Collaborative Research Center investigates the affective and emotional dynamics and the consequences of various spatial, social, and cultural mobilities and transformations of the modern world for individuals and different forms of human coexistence. Scholars from ten disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences investigate these dynamics in 16 individual projects focussing on three main research areas: Actors, Repertoires, and Social Collectives.

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# International Conference Affective Relationality

Collaborative Research Center *Affective Societies*

April 21-23, 2016  
Harnack-Haus

lnnestr. 16-20  
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## Thursday April 21

### Panel 1: Affect and Place

- 12.00 Prof. Dr. Birgitt **Röttger-Rössler**  
*Welcome & Introduction*
- 12.30 Maruška **Svašek** (Queens University Belfast)  
*Mobility, Affective Placemaking  
and Trans/local Relatedness*
- 13.30 Snack Break
- 14.15 Hansjörg **Dilger**, Omar **Kasmani** & Dominik **Mattes** (FU Berlin)  
*Spatialities of Belonging: Diasporic Religious  
Communities in Berlin's Cityscape*
- 15.15 Short Break
- 15.30 Divya **Tolia-Kelly** (Durham University)  
*Race and Affect at the Museum:  
The Museum as a Theatre of Pain*
- 16.30 Coffee Break
- 17:00 Gilbert **Caluya** (University of Melbourne)  
*Muslim Domesticities: Domicide, Trauma  
and Homelessness*
- 18.15 Reception at the Harnack-Haus

## Friday April 22

### Panel 2: Affect and Media in the Workplace and Beyond

- 10.00 Jan **Slaby** & Rainer **Mühlhoff** (FU Berlin)  
*Clarifying Relational Affect: From Process  
Ontology to Social Critique*
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 Lisa **Blackman** (Goldsmiths, Univ. of London)  
*"Academia is down at the moment;  
please try later"*
- 12.30 Ian **Burkitt** (Bristol University)  
*Emotion in Communities of Nursing Practice*
- 13.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 Nazli **Kilerci** & Hauke **Lehmann** (FU Berlin)  
*Tactical Appropriation:  
Creating Communities of Taste*
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 Marie-Luise **Angerer** (Universität Potsdam)  
*Pleasing Little Sisters:  
Affective (Self-)Control Systems*
- 17.00 Short Break
- 17.15 Robert **Seyfert** (Europa-Universität Viadrina)  
*The Varieties of Affective Relations in Socio-  
Technical Collectives: A Study of Automated  
Trading*
- 20.00 Speakers' Dinner

## Saturday April 23

### Panel 3: Affective Families

- 10.00 Naomi **Quinn** (Duke University)  
*Emotional Arousal in the Making of Cultural  
Selves: The Cases of Disciplinary Technique  
and Early Attachment*
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 Joanna **Pfaff-Czarnecka** (Universität  
Bielefeld)  
*'Education Sentimentale' in Migrant  
Students' University Trajectories. Family,  
and other Significant Relations*
- 12.30 Heidi **Keller** (Universität Osnabrück)  
*Relational Conceptions in Different Cultural  
Environments*
- 13.30 Lunch Break
- 14.30 Kathleen **Barlow** (Central Washington Univ.)  
*Re-framing Attachment Theory with Respect  
to Gender and Sexuality*
- 15.30 Short Break
- 15.45 Birgitt **Röttger-Rössler** (FU Berlin)  
*German with Parents from Vietnam: Affective  
Dimensions of Parent-Child-Relationships in  
Vietnamese Berlin*
- 16.45 End of the conference