

MARKETS AND DIVERSITY: CROSS CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

- by invitation only -

Tuesday 22 February 2011, 9:30-17:00

MPI zur Erforschung multireligiöser und multiethnischer Gesellschaften

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This workshop explores the potential of markets as public spaces where multiple forms of sociality are performed. Bazaars, open air markets and street markets represent significant sites for a variety of groups and individuals. Alongside the analysis of social encounters, we will also discuss whether they provide possibilities for the inclusion of migrants and for the emergence of new cosmopolitan practices. We must also be aware of the “dark side” of bazaars as well – namely forms of bribery, mistrust and exploitation among vendors and customers – and how aspects of diversity factor into these.



9.30 Arrival

9.45-10.00 Welcome and Introduction

10.00-11.00 *Boris Gilsdorff, Barbara Rühling, Raphael Schapira (Freie Univ. Berlin):*
„The Struggle for Space: Street Vendors in Mexico City“

11.00-11.30 coffee break

11.30-12.15 *Asta Vonderau (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz):*
„Spaces of Friction and Compensation: Marketplaces in the Post-socialist European Free Market Society (Vilnius)“

12.15-13.00 *Oleg Pachenkov (Centre for Independent Social Research, St.-Petersburg):*
„Discovering significant diversities at a market place: paradoxes of one post-socialist flea market (St.-Petersburg)“

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-14.45 *Manuela Bojadzije (Humboldt Univ. Berlin):*

„Precarious settlements: Stories of Deportation, Transit Migration, War, and the Conditions of Translation in a Shopping Market in Belgrade“

14.45-15.30 *Gregor Dobler (Freiburg Univ.):*
„Buying Chinese goods in Namibia: consumption as a sign for liberation and exclusion“

15.30-15.45 coffee break

15.45-17.00 Final Discussion

17:00 Departure



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