

4th International Conference of the Collaborative  
Research Center “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (CRC 1265)

# **MY CITY IS A BATTLEGROUND**

Intersectionality & Urban Violence

October 20 – 21, 2022

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## **THEME**

Over the last three decades, intersectionality has become a central feature of feminist research as well as policy debates. The concept, developed to account for the inextricability of various social divisions and its impact on experiences of inequality and discrimination, has also left its mark on spatial research. Intersections of social inequality in urban space are not ephemeral phenomena, but situated and unfolding across particular urban spaces. Intersectional analyses, moreover span different registers of precarity or vulnerability, flagging up specific conflictual constellations that range from exclusion from or tenuous claims on the right to city spaces to experiences of physical violence. Here, violence could assume the form of grievous corporeal harm as well as perhaps subtler, yet also insidious forms of damage that include symbolic or material violence resulting in social exclusion. “My City is a Battleground”, the fourth international conference of the Collaborative Research Center “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (CRC 1265), speaks to this range of themes.

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## OVERVIEW

The Collaborative Research Center “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (CRC 1265) has a particular interest in how spatial and social conflicts interplay and how these conflicts connect with the intersectional tensions that accompany processes of urban spatial refiguration. Taking its inspiration from decades of research on social inequality, class struggles, migration, violence as well as intersectional feminist work, the CRC’s fourth international conference “My City is a Battleground: Intersectionality and Urban Violence” intends to contribute to current debates by training a spotlight on the link between lived urban materialities and embodied social inequalities and their intersectionality.

The conference will ask how conflicts manifest intersectionally in and through urban space and what forms of violence they may take. We thereby hope to gain a deeper understanding of (urban) social conflicts, notions of spatial injustice as well as different forms of violence in the city, including those produced by capitalism and heteronormativity and classed, gendered and racialized exclusion.

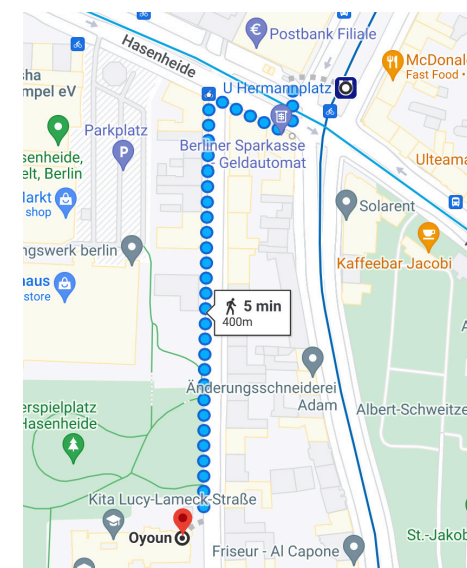
The conference’s individual sessions will explore the role urban spaces play in the enactment of violence against bodies carrying overlapping marks of the social world, whereby class, race, gender, sexuality, citizenship, age or disability – among other categories – intersect to produce different outcomes. The program moreover features two workshop sessions in which groups will be formed to foster engaged discussions on the various subject areas addressed in the conference. Finally, each day concludes with a panel discussion in which we intend to work towards building transdisciplinary exchanges and alliances to address the multiple vulnerabilities produced by intersectional violence and inequality.

## Conference Venue

Oyoun  
Lucy-Lameck-Str. 32  
12049 Berlin

## How to get there:

U8/U7 Hermannplatz  
Bus M29 Hermannplatz/Urbanstr.  
Bus M41/194 Herrmannplatz/Karl-Marx-Str.



## COVID Safety

To ensure a safe event, we kindly ask all participants to take an antigen test before coming to the venue. We also recommend wearing a face mask.

## PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 am

**Conference Opening | Welcome & Session 1**

Martina Löw (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

*Intersectionality. Gendering and Racializing Urban Spaces.*

Moderator: Séverine Marguin (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Session 2**

Heidi Mirza (Goldsmiths/UCL)

*Empowering Muslim Girls? The Intersectionality of Race, Gender and Religion in Urban Schools*

Moderator: Nina Baur (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

11:00 – 11:20 am

**Coffee Break**

11:20 – 12:20 pm

**Session 3** VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Carla Shedd (Georgetown University)

*From Child-Saving to Citizen-Making: Protection and Punishment in an Unequal City*

Moderator: Anna Steigemann (CRC 1265/University of Regensburg)

12:20 – 1:30 pm

**Workshop Sessions (1)**

1:30 – 2:30 pm

**Lunch**

2:30 – 3:30 pm

**Session 4**

Christy Kulz (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

*Negotiating Everyday Symbolic Violence, Exclusion and Intersectional Subjectivities through the Urban Fabrics of London and Berlin*

Moderator: Jochen Kibel (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Session 5**

Thomas Hoebel (Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung)

*Violandscapes. Some Notes on the Territorialities of "Urban Battlegrounds"*

Moderator: Hubert Knoblauch (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

4:30 – 5:00 pm

**Coffee Break**

## PROGRAM

5:00 – 6:00 pm

**Session 6** VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Nikki Jones (UC Berkeley)

*The Ordinary Violence of Policing*

Moderator: Anna Juliane Heinrich (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Roundtable Discussion (1)***Intersectionality, Space and Conflict*

Himmat Zoubi (Zu'bi) (EUME Berlin), Maisha

Auma (TU Berlin), René Tuma (CRC 1265/

TU Berlin), Beate Binder (HU Berlin)

Moderator: Jörg Stollmann (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

8:00 pm

**Conference Dinner**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 am

**Session 7**

Ilse Helbrecht (CRC 1265/HU Berlin)

*Ageing and Intersectionality in the City: A Critique of Spaces of Thrownapartness in Berlin*

Moderator: Merav Kaddar (CRC 1265/Erasmus University Rotterdam)

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Session 8**

Ben Campkin (UCL)

*Rupture and Repair: LGBTQ+ Venues and Urban Violence*

Moderator: Sung Un Gang (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

11:00 – 11:20 am

**Coffee Break**

11:20 – 12:20 am

**Session 9**

Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo

(University of Southern California)

*Intersectionality and Social Inequality: Urban Spatial Reconfigurations in South Los Angeles*

Moderator: Maria Norkus (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

12:20 – 1:30 pm

**Workshop Sessions (2)**

1:30 – 2:30 pm Lunch

2:30 – 3:30 pm

**Session 10** VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Shilpa Phadke (TISS Mumbai)

*Gated Surveillance: The Bogey of Gendered Safety in the Neoliberal City*

Moderator: Lucie Bernroider (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Session 11**

Angela Million (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

*Spreading Fear and Taming the Young:**Young People's Spatial Knowledge and its**"Shaping" by Spaces of Insecurity & Control*

Moderator: Daniela Stoltenberg (CRC 1265/FU Berlin)

4:30 – 5:00 pm

**Coffee Break**

5:00 – 6:00 pm

**Session 12**

Edlyne Anugwom (University of Nigeria)

*Spatial Intersectionality: Social Conflict, Social Exclusion, and Disempowerment in Urban**Renewal Processes in Nigeria*

Moderator: Miro Born (CRC 1265/LSE)

6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Roundtable Discussion (2)***Against Violence. Intersectional Initiatives in Berlin*

Stella (queer trans liberation network), arjunraj

(Oyoun), Océane Vé-Réveillac

(fem\_arc)

Moderator: Anna Steigemann (CRC 1265/University of Regensburg)

## ABSTRACTS

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Martina Löw (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

### **Intersectionality, Gendering and Racializing Urban Spaces**

After a short introduction to the main themes of the Collaborative Research Center “Re-Figuration of Spaces”, Martina Löw develops the argument that the intersection of the social constructions of race and gender is different from other social constructions. What race and gender have in common is that both social constructions have experienced a process of naturalization and that they seem to be attached to the body for life. The binary constructedness is then shared by both if we specify the dichotomy of male/female to be analogous to the binary pair white/of color. Using the empirical example of the property location Berlin, she goes on to show how property and public spaces are simultaneously gendered and racialized, in process she interprets as symbolic violence. Against the background of the theory of spatial figures, she discusses the spatial imaginations that underlie this intersectional conflict. The lecture concludes by locating the conference topic within the post-colonial context of Germany.

Heidi Safia Mirza (University College London)

### **Empowering Muslim Girls? The Intersectionality of Race, Gender and Religion in Urban Schools**

In this talk I examine how young Muslim women in urban schools are subject to specific forms of Islamophobic gendered surveillance in White western educational spaces. Employing a Black feminist intersectional framework, I identify three narrative constructions of young working-class Muslim women in urban schools. First, was the White female middleclass teachers’ authoritative narratives of the headscarf and the open racialised gendered surveillance it produced. Second, was the narrative that Muslim girls are at risk from their families and the need to ‘save them’ through neoliberal Western feminist ideals of female ‘empowerment’. While this approach had many positive and liberating educational effects for the young women, it ironically produced forms of post-feminist ‘gender friendly’ self-regulation. Third, the Muslim girls were simultaneously positioned as hyper-visible and yet invisible,

resulting in policy oversight and the failure of schools to protect them from risk and address their well-being. I conclude by arguing that to truly decolonise our urban educational spaces anti-racist educators need to engage in the radical pedagogic project of challenging the ways in which discourses of classism, racism, sexism, and Islamophobia shape young Muslim women’s lives.

Carla Shedd (Georgetown University)

### **From Child-Saving to Citizen-Making: Protection and Punishment in an Unequal City**

What does the treatment of our most marginalized populations within the ever-expanding criminal justice system in the United States of America reveal about our society? This talk grapples with this question by assessing whether our democratic state is fulfilling its mission to deliver the “embryonic citizen to the body politic” within the confines of its newest iteration of a “peculiar institution,” the American juvenile justice system. My research assesses the extent to which both formative and reformatory social institutions (e.g., schools and juvenile justice courts) shape the perceptions, experiences, and outcomes of urban adolescents. This study is a unique multi-stage, empirical exploration of the “carceral continuum” theory in one of the most important legal jurisdictions in the USA. Further, this research is a necessary, penetrating examination of young people in the contexts where our most vulnerable populations reside—the linked settings of public schools, urban neighborhoods, and juvenile courts.

Christy Kulz (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

### **Negotiating Everyday Symbolic Violence, Exclusion and Intersectional Subjectivities through the Urban Fabrics of London & Berlin**

Bringing together empirical research in London and Berlin, this paper explores how symbolic violence permeates the everyday lives of working class and minoritized Britons and how their spatial (re)locations shape how these intersectional inequalities – and small spaces of relief from them – unfold. Starting with teenagers in London, the paper shows how racialised and working-class young people negotiate their disadvantage within



the education market and their placement in poor, racialised areas of London. The aspirational individualism and good life fantasies promoted by educational rhetoric and policy are recognised by many of the young people as futile pursuits, as they endure symbolic violence through the often authoritarian, high-stakes English educational system. Some of the young people envision a future as migrants outside of Britain as a mode of escape. The paper then turns its attention towards the narratives of British migrants living in Berlin to show how working-class and minoritized Britons frame migration as a means of subverting British classificatory mechanisms. While their decontextualization enables some recalibrations and transformation, processes of classification endure within Berlin through different forms. Through juxtaposing these migration dreams and actualities, the paper examines the relationship between urban spaces and embodied intersectionalities – as well as the transnational endurance of inequalities.

Thomas Hoebel (Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung)

#### **Violandscapes. Some Notes on the Territorialities of “Urban Battlegrounds”**

In this talk I propose the concept of “violandscapes” to analyze and compare territorialities in which certain groups of people suffer certain harm more or less regularly and continuously. The core idea is that the specific kinds of harm can only be understood by looking at the shape of social spaces and their control. The central question is how these spaces are enacted and interpreted by the participants. For this lecture, I take up the almost classical distinction of public territories, home territories, interactional territories, and body territories (Stanford M. Lyman and Marvin B. Scott) and frame them as intersectional “landscapes of meaning” with causal consequences (Isaac Ariail Reed). In this perspective, I discuss recent research findings on violence in the city, in churches, and in domestic settings, among others. My point is to discuss an analytical framework that allows us to relate insights from violence research to each other that are not typically discussed in relation to one another.

Nikki Jones (UC Berkeley)

#### **The Ordinary Violence of Policing**

A steady stream of viral videos documenting extraordinary acts of police violence have forced to the surface the kinds of violence that is often buried in historical archives or hidden behind a blue wall of silence. These clips can act as a catalyst to mobilize millions, but they can also obscure the ordinary violence of policing. In this talk, I share examples of other ways of knowing, recording, and circulating stories that document the ordinary violence of policing. I look at the living archive – the bodies and minds of survivors of police violence – alongside historical records and the massive archive of abuses that have been documented in formal investigations to consider what these collections reveal about the meanings of safety, the limits of “police reform,” and the potential of police abolition.

Ilse Helbrecht (CRC 1265/HU Berlin)

#### **Ageing and Intersectionality in the City: A Critique of Spaces of Thrownapartness in Berlin**

The population of Europe is demographically ageing and culturally diversifying at the same time. Yet, whereas questions of diversity are often addressed in scientific and public discourses, diversity among older people is hardly a matter of debate. And even less so are the inequalities that older people of minority groups experience. In this presentation, I draw on a qualitative research on the relationship between (super)diversity and ageing in Berlin (Germany) and explore how public institutions respond to the growing diversity of the older generation in terms of social class, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or (dis-)ability. While these categories, and many more, truly intersect on the individual level, our findings show that public institutions tend to ignore and reduce diversity in later life. In fact, they simplify diversity, which is highly problematic. In this paper we empirically show how the invisibility of particular minority groups is reinforced and stereotypes are reproduced. Conceptually we engage with the concept of throwntogetherness to unravel how institutional actions grant or deny physical and discursive space for ageing in diversity – and thus create spaces of thrownapartness in ageing, diverse cities.

Ben Campkin (UCL)

#### **Rupture and Repair: LGBTQ+ Venues and Urban violence**

This talk will draw from transdisciplinary research on LGBTQ+ venues in London to consider how they respond to, and sometimes accommodate, violence, in contexts of urban change. To approach the theme of intersectionality and urban violence from a variety of angles, I will present case studies from the 1980s to the present. These will allow me to demonstrate the ways that venues have created safe(r) spaces and structures for survival in response to structural or everyday violence; how they have provided platforms for intra-community conflicts and social movements; how the dominant commercial operating models and the limitations of available buildings have reproduced wider inequalities (for example in access and labor conditions); and how, since the mid-2010s, threats to venues in contexts of aggressive redevelopment have stimulated planning innovations and intersectional campaigns seeking more inclusive and intentionally-designed spaces. I will illustrate how venues – and their visibility and treatment in urban planning – reflect the wider ways that gay and queer masculinities are shaped, challenged and reconfigured in relation to other queer subjectivities and legally recognised minorities.

Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo  
(University of Southern California)

#### **Intersectionality and Social Inequality: Urban Spatial Reconfigurations in South Los Angeles**

As the mega-neighborhoods of South Central LA transformed from being 80% Black in 1970 to today being about 2/3 Latino, much was written about the conflicts between Black and Brown men, between longtime residents and new neighbors, gang members and police. Today there is a new mutuality of place-making and a sense of shared fates, and while Black-Brown violence in public spaces in South LA has diminished, gender violence and limitations on women in public space remains. This presentation examines how these dynamics play out in the scarce green spaces of South LA, in public parks and urban community gardens. Taking an intersectional approach, the focus is on masculinities, and how marginalized men find

racial sanctuaries and sites of freedom, belonging and reflection in the public parks and gardens.

Shilpa Phadke (TISS Mumbai)

#### **The Bogey of Gendered Safety in the Neo-liberal City**

The last decade has seen the emergence of a particular discourse on safety in India that is centered around surveillance premised on the need to provide safety to good citizens from suspicious ones. In the city this plays out in the shape of gated communities, fenced in parks that are closed in the afternoons and nights, and the use of digital apps to monitor movements. One of the ways in which these interventions are justified is by tying them to the safety of women. In the wake of protests and critical amendments in the law following the gang rape and murder of a young woman on the streets of New Delhi in December 2012, a new discourse of gendered safety has emerged in India in which the ‘safety of women’ is being weaponized to create cities that are deeply divided premised on the maintenance of law and order. This paper will reflect on how the city becomes one of the spaces in which the narratives of a neo-liberal and communal state are enacted.

Angela Million (CRC 1265/TU Berlin)

#### **Spreading Fear and Taming the Young: Young People’s Spatial Knowledge and its “Shaping” by Spaces of Insecurity & Control**

From the late 1960s onward, control, regulation, surveillance, and parental restrictions influence spaces of childhood and youth. Overall, the range of factors underlying young people’s negative spatial perception (e.g. emissions, deterioration, poor maintenance, traffic, disagreeable social conditions and unequal social interactions) results mainly in perceptions of insecurity. Additionally, parents and the media significantly influence young people’s spatial perceptions and actions. The key argument we make is that more and more spaces, and consequently also times, of childhood and youth are in reaction imbued with social control, spatial pedagogisation, supervision and surveillance to protect young people from negative sociospatial experiences – which, in turn, has manifold effects on young people’s spatial knowledge. This paper discusses the material character of

spaces that fuel negative perceptions of spaces by young people. Moreover, child- and youth-dedicated spaces and their concomitant spatial pedagogisation as well as spaces of consumption with their omnipresence of surveillance and social control are presented as spaces that are fostered by adults as appropriate and alternative spaces for young people. Finally, we will highlight how negotiations and conflicts over the uses of and access to spaces bring forth the emergence of spatial knowledge which allows young people an agency in shaping their spatialities. The presentation is based on a qualitative meta-analysis conducted by the research team of A02 “Education: The Spatial Knowledge of Children and Young Adults and its Application in Planning Contexts” of the CRC 1265 and the forthcoming publication *Young People’s Spatial Knowledge. Navigating Spatial Transformations Through the Refiguration of Spaces*, authored by Ignacio Castillo Ulloa, Anna Juliane Heinrich, Angela Million, and Jona Schwerer and published by Routledge London.

Edlyne E. Anugwom (University of Nigeria)

**Spatial Intersectionality: Social Conflict, Social Exclusion, and Disempowerment in Urban Renewal Processes in Nigeria**

The paper interrogates how urban renewal programs have been transformed into vehicles of disempowerment and dispossession of the poor and marginal in Nigeria’s major cities. Therefore, urban renewal has emerged as a contested phenomenon in Nigeria. This results directly from the fact that urban renewal right from colonial times mirrors a capricious power relationship in favor of the privileged. Thus, urban renewal while ostensibly driven by salutary aims of improving and upgrading urban spatial and social contexts has embodied a dynamic power and resource struggle between the rich and poor or vulnerable making it a veritable conduit for dispossession and disempowerment of hapless citizens. But these poor or marginal citizens have always resisted the process of renewal – often violently. While social conflict and violence erupt, these are short-lived and diffused as the state at the behest of privileged citizens employ coercive instruments to dispossess and disembody citizens. The above process is unravelled from the perspective of intersectionality and depicts the entanglement between poverty, marginalization, and powerlessness. In effect

urban renewal is necessarily accompanied by conflict and generates dispossession, disempowerment and exclusion determined mainly by the orbits and desires of capitalism for new spatial privileges in Nigeria’s urban environment.

## Workshops

The workshops offer further opportunities to engage with and reflect on the conference themes in a smaller and more interactive setting. In these moderated discussion groups, participants will be encouraged to introduce examples from their own work (whether academic research or from their field of practice). There will be four workshops per day running concurrently (12:20 – 1:30 pm). Conference participants can choose which group to join.

### Workshop Sessions Day 1

All workshops will directly engage with the presentations of the first block, forming smaller groups to continue discussing the talks as well as the three conceptual lines intersectionality, violence/conflict, and space – and the challenges of bringing them together.

### Workshop Sessions Day 2

There will be four different workshop themes, namely:

- » marginality in urban regeneration
- » (violent) exclusions from urban (public) space
- » resistance and counterpublics
- » intersectionality and refugee spaces

## Panel Discussion (1) Intersectionality, Space and Conflict

Jörg Stollmann (architecture) leads an interdisciplinary panel discussion on intersectionality, space and conflict with René Tuma (sociology), Beate Binder (anthropology and gender studies), Himmat Zoubi (Zu’bi) (sociology) and Maureen Maisha Auma (gender/diversity studies and education studies). The roundtable discussion addresses intersectionality in the context of urban tensions and conflictual and violent dynamics, bringing different disciplinary perspectives and research contexts into conversation with each other.

## Panel Discussion (2) Against Violence. Intersectional Initiatives in Berlin

Anna Steigemann will be in discussion with local activists and practitioners engaging with intersectional inequality and discrimination in Berlin. Stella (queer trans liberation network), arjunraj (Oyoun) and Océane Vé-Réveillac for fem\_arc will speak about their experience working towards non-violent and anti-discriminatory spaces in Berlin.

## SPEAKERS

**Edlyne Anugwom** is Professor of Sociology and African Development currently with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Nigeria. His research interests include political sociology of development; social conflict; industrial/labor relations; public health; and social dimensions of climate change. Edlyne is also Secretary-General of the Pan African Anthropologists Association (PAAA). Apart from being a reviewer for several reputable journals, he is also the current editor of the journal *African Anthropologist* published by CODESRIA. He has held fellowship/teaching positions in Leiden, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Wassenaar, Mainz, Cape Town, and Bridgewater, USA, among others.

**Ben Campkin** is Professor of Urbanism and Urban History at The Bartlett School of Architecture and Co-Director of UCL Urban Laboratory. He is the author of *Remaking London: Decline and Regeneration in Urban Culture* (2013), which won the 2015 Jane Jacobs Urban Communication Foundation Award. The research Ben leads on LGBTQ+ Night-spaces has informed the London Plan, local borough plans, and campaigns to protect queer heritage. He has recently completed *Queer Premises: LGBTQ+ Venues in London Since the 1980s* (Bloomsbury, 2023) and is the UK Principal Investigator for the Humanities in the European Research Area research collaboration, "NITE: Night-spaces, Migration, Culture and Integration in Europe".

**Ilse Helbrecht** is Professor of Cultural and Social Geography at Humboldt-University in Berlin. Her primary research interests lie in urban studies and geographi-

cal imaginations. She served as Vice President (2005-08) for the University of Bremen. In 2018 she was awarded the Caroline von Humboldt-Professorship, as part of the Germany Excellence Initiative; and in 2019 she received the Thomas-Mann-Fellowship (held at the Thomas Mann House, Los Angeles).

**Thomas Hoebel** is Senior Researcher at the Hamburg Institute of Social Research and a member of the Research Group on Macro Violence there. In addition, he teaches sociology at several universities, among them Potsdam, Bielefeld and Lucerne. Aside from his research interest in the unfolding of violent episodes and (de-)escalatory processes of violence, he also works on a methodology of narrative explanations. In this area he published the monograph *Gewalt erklären! Plädoyer für eine entdeckende Prozesssoziologie* (together with Wolfgang Knöbl) and the co-edited special issue *Visibilities of Violence* (together with Jo Reichertz and René Tuma).

**Nikki Jones** is Professor and H. Michael and Jeanne Williams Department Chair of African American Studies department at UC Berkeley. Professor Jones is the author of *Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner-City Violence* (2010) and *The Chosen Ones: Black Men and the Politics of Redemption* (June 2018), which received the Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award from the American Society of Criminology in 2020. Jones is at work on a new book, *BRUTAL AND ROUTINE*, which draws on 20 years of research to crystalize a new and necessary understanding of the violence of policing, with a reasoned ar-

gument for abolition, to be published by W.W. Norton Press.

**Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo** is the Florence Everline Professor Emerita of Sociology at the University of Southern California. Her research has focused on Latino immigrant life, informal sector work, gender, race and social movements. She has published ten books and her most recent one, co-authored with Manuel Pastor, is *South Central Dreams: Finding Home and Building Community in South L.A.* (2021).

**Christy Kulz** is a postdoctoral researcher at the Technical University Berlin. Her research interests center around social inequality, race and racism, migration, neoliberalism, and feminist and postcolonial theory. Her research monograph, *Factories for Learning* (Manchester University Press), examines how race and class are produced in and through neoliberal educational policies in urban England. Mobilising ethnographic, discursive and visual methods, her spaces of inquiry have included educational institutions, as well as social and cultural organisations and more informal spaces of urban sociality. Prior to this, Christy was a Leverhulme Trust Fellow at the University of Cambridge.

**Martina Löw** is Professor of Sociology at the TU Berlin. Her areas of specialization and research are sociological theory, urban sociology, space theory and cultural sociology. She was visiting professor and held fellowships at universities in Gothenburg (Sweden), Salvador da Bahia (Brazil), St. Gallen (Switzerland), Paris (France) and New York (USA). From 2011 until 2013

she was president of the German Sociological Association. Currently she heads the Collaborative Research Center "Re-Figuration of Spaces" (CRC 1265).

**Angela Million**, née Uttke, is Professor of Urban Design and Urban Development and currently Director of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at TU Berlin. She is also Director of the DAAD-Global Center of Spatial Methods for Urban Sustainability SMUS. Her research focuses on participatory urban design and *Baukultur*, with a special interest in cities as educational settings, children and youth. Her design research explores multifunctional infrastructure development linking for example water infrastructure, food production, school and retail design. Her most current research explores educational landscapes, *neourbanism* and the changing spatial knowledge and hybrid spatial constructions of young people, the latter as subproject A02 within the CRC 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces".

**Heidi Safia Mirza** is Emeritus Professor of Equality Studies in Education at UCL Institute of Education and Visiting Professor of Race, Faith and Culture at Goldsmith's College, and the London School of Economics. A daughter of the Windrush generation from Trinidad and Tobago, Heidi is known for her pioneering research on race, gender and identity in education and is one of the rare 35 "Phenomenal Women" - Black female professors in Britain. She is author of several best-selling books including *Black British Feminism* and *Young Female and Black*. Professor Mirza is a leading voice in the global debate on decolonisation and recently co-ed-

ited the flagship book, *Dismantling Race in Higher Education: Racism, whiteness and decolonising the academy*.

**Shilpa Phadke** is a Professor at the School of Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She is co-author of *Why Loiter? Women and Risk on Mumbai Streets* (Penguin, 2011) and co-director of the documentary film *Under the Open Sky* (2016). She has published both academically and in mainstream media in the areas of gender and public space, ethnographies of feminism, feminist pedagogy, risk and the city, middle-class sexualities, middle classes and the new spaces of consumption, friendship, feminist pedagogies, and feminist parenting.

**Carla Shedd** is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University whose research and teaching focus on: race and ethnicity; criminalization and criminal justice; education; law; social inequality; and urban policy. Shedd received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University, and has previously served on the faculty at Columbia University and The Graduate Center, CUNY. Shedd's award-winning first book, *Unequal City: Race, Schools, and Perceptions of Injustice*, examines the symbiosis between public school systems and the criminal justice system. Shedd's second book project draws on her one-of-a-kind empirical data to interrogate the deftly intertwined contexts of schools, neighborhoods, and courts in this dynamic moment of public policy shifts in and beyond New York City.

## PANELISTS

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### PANEL 1

**Maureen Maisha Auma** has been Professor of Childhood and Diversity Studies at Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences since April 2008. She was the first DiGENet Visiting Professor, Audre Lorde Chair for Intersectional Diversity Studies, Diversity and Gender Equality Network of the Berlin University Alliance, 2021 - 2022. Currently, she is a Visiting Professor for Intersectional Diversity Studies at ZIFG, TU Berlin. Her research interests include diversity in educational materials in East and West Germany, sex education and empowerment for Black people and people-of-color in Germany, critical whiteness studies, anti-Blackness, childhood studies, intersectionality in the context of critical race theory and racism criticism. She has been active with the Black feminist self-organization Generation Adefra, Black Women\* in Germany, since 1993.

**Beate Binder** has been a Professor for European Ethnology and Gender Studies at Humboldt University since 2008. Her current research focuses on the anthropology of the political, legal anthropology, moral anthropology and urban anthropology. In the field of urban studies, her main interest is the relation of space, sex, and gender, the powerful production of time-space-constellations in urban settings. She is currently PL of the DFG-research unit "Law – Gender – Collectivity: The Contested General and the New Common" ([www.recht-geschlecht-kollektivitaet.de/en/](http://www.recht-geschlecht-kollektivitaet.de/en/)) and the NORFACE Consortium "CrimScapes: Navigating Citizenship through European Landscapes of Criminalisation" ([www.crimscapes.de](http://www.crimscapes.de)).

**René Tuma** is a sociologist based at TU Berlin. His research focuses on the sociology of knowledge, the sociology of technology as well as interaction studies and communicative constructivism. Currently he is focusing on a new topic, the spatiality of internet infrastructure. Recently, he has been working on the reconstruction of trajectories of violence in public spaces recorded on video

and the role of visual technologies in police work. His book Videoprofis (Springer VS) compares the communicative forms of "vernacular" video analysis in the professional fields of police work, market research and sports coaching. He is co-editor of the Historical Social Research special issue Visibilities of Violence and has published widely on the videographic method.

**Himmat Zoubi (Zu'bi)** is a Palestinian researcher and feminist activist. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology and holds two Master's degrees, one in Criminology and another in Gender Studies. Her work focuses on cities and (de)-urbanization in a colonial context. Her recent work addresses cultural cities, cultural spaces and practices as counter-strategies, colonialism, and neoliberalized urbanism. Zoubi is a EUME Fellow during the academic years 2018/2023. During 2021-2022, Zoubi is a post-doctoral fellow of The International Research Group on Authoritarianism and Counter-Strategies (IRGAC) at Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (Berlin), associated with The Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies at the Freie Universität, Berlin and with EUME, Berlin.

### PANEL 2

**arjunraj** is a filmmaker, pedagogist, visual storyteller and digital media producer. With an education in visual anthropology and training in filmmaking, arjunraj works at the intersection of art and academia. arjunraj's current projects are deeply rooted in fracturing the colonial psyche by queering it. Identifying as a gender-non-conforming body using no pronouns, arjunraj is on a long-term journey understanding how bodies are read and counter read and its effect on our bodily belonging. arjunraj works as a Research Associate and heads the digital media production of Oyouun whose works are produced with a framework of decolonial filmmaking practices. arjunraj is a Crossing Borders Fellow 2019 with the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

**fem\_arc** is a collective of architects and artists working on projects from an intersectional feminist angle. Through formats such as community workshops, mapping, podcast series, audio walks, film and multimedia installations, they propagate strategies that question power structures in space and norms to contribute to the creation of less discriminatory spaces.

**Stella** is a lgbtqia+ activist who founded the queer trans liberation network in July 2021. After organising several demonstrations, she's now actively working on strengthening solidarity within the community by organising free non-party events and workshops prioritizing trans people and BIPOC. Recently, the QTL team organised the QTL Summer Festival at Haus der Statistik giving a space free of charge to more than 30 queer trans individuals and collectives for their communities (QT-BIPOC, neurodivergent, trans masc, weekly drag show). She strongly believes that community building is the new activism.



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