

Securitisation: Globalised States Asserting Power?

An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Securitisation and Globalisation

By considering the interrelated concepts of globalisation and securitisation, the workshops' main focus is to understand: *To what extent can securitisation be defined as a strategy to assert states' power in the increasing globalisation of governmental competences?* The workshop will draw attention to this question in three separate sessions:

The first session analyses the increasing counter-terrorism cooperation against the backdrop of globalisation processes. It discusses the paradox developments of a free-market, de-regulative global diminishing role of the state on the one hand and securitisation measures to reassert its power and authority on the other.

The second session draws attention to examples in which states have created a security issue out of distinctive senses of (ethnic) identity and belonging. It discusses how states have 'securitised' minority groups' efforts for active representation in the political landscape of the state.

The third session addresses various forms of treating migrants as a threat to the security in the European border regime. Thereby, contrasting dynamics of propagating free flow of goods, measures for economic security including the international mobility of high-skilled people and the fight against illegalised immigrants should be discussed.

Programme

Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, Room F-121

Thursday 26th June

- 13:00h Registration & Coffee/Snacks
 13:30h OPENING ADDRESS with **Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges (Bern)**
 14:00h – 16:30h SESSION I: PERSPECTIVES ON COUNTER-TERRORISM COOPERATION
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Olivier Lewis, M.Litt. & M.A. (St Andrews) Transatlantic Counter-Terrorism since 9/11: Explaining Variation in Levels of Cooperation
lic. phil. David Witassek (Zürich) Terrorism and Terrorism Discourse in Switzerland, 1969-1981
Aviva Guttman, M.A. (Bern) Switzerland in the Face of International Terrorism – Crisis Management, Cooperation and State Security between 1969 and 1977

Friday 27th June

- 9:30h Coffee
 10:00h – 12:30h SESSION II: ETHNIC MINORITIES AND THE NATION STATE
Prof. Dr. Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld) Spaces of Violence in Democracies: Ethnic Belonging in Nepal
Nadine Plachta, M.A. (Bern) "Tsum Shakya": Creating Landscapes of Belonging in Post-2006 Nepal
 Lunch Break
 14:00h – 16:30h SESSION III: HUMANS' TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY AS A SECURITY PROBLEM
Prof. Dr. Anastassia Tsoukala (Paris) Media Reporting on Migration and (De)Securitization Processes in Greece
Robin Stunzi, M.A. & Clément de Senarclens, M.A. (Neuchâtel) The Containment of Foreigners Seeking Refuge in Switzerland: Security Measures to Control Immigration and Reassert State Sovereignty?
Simon Affolter, M.A. (Bern) Disciplining Migrants in the Name of Security
 16:45h – 17:30h WORKSHOP CLOSURE

The workshop is open to students and researchers. For registration, please send an email to simon.affolter@anthro.unibe.ch.