

SIEF Summer School “Trusting Resistance. New Ethnographies of Social Movements and Alternative Economies”

Date: July 24-30, 2016

Venue: Hohentübingen Castle, Room 165 (Turmzimmer), Tübingen

Convened by: Prof. Dr. Monique Scheer (Ludwig-Uhland-Institut für Empirische Kulturwissenschaft, University of Tübingen)

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ABSTRACT:

This international summer school combines two highly debated topics: trust and resistance. From protest to critical consumption, to the do-it-yourself movement, to radical gardening or alternative health care: when groups are formed in resistance to an ‘establishment’ or ‘mainstream’, they often express a lack of trust in the ‘powers that be’ – therefore, practices of mistrust seem to be constitutive for such movements. On the other hand, within the group it is important to establish trust in the alternative models being tried out. Thus, it would seem that trust and mistrust operate in these cases as a dynamic motor for change. Thinking about the conceptualization of trust and mistrust will necessarily be part of the discussion. Is trust an attitude, an ethic, a virtue, or a feeling, perhaps even an emotion? From the ethnographic perspective, it makes sense to look at trust and mistrust in connection with the practices that mobilize and cultivate them.

The summer school invites scholars from the fields of European ethnology, social and cultural anthropology, sociology, and history who have published important contributions on the topic. The focus of the lectures is on looking at trust/mistrust at the micro-level of everyday life and social interactions, including conceptual and methodological considerations. Keynotes and lectures are open to the public; a registration is not required.

PUBLIC KEYNOTES AND LECTURES:

SUNDAY, 24 July 2016

16:30 – 18:00 | OPENING KEYNOTE: Martin Hartmann (Luzern), “Trust and Hope in Politics: A Pragmatist Approach”

TUESDAY, 26 July 2016

09:00 – 10:30 | KEYNOTE I: Klaus Schönberger (Klagenfurt), “Protest and Socio-Cultural Change”

16:30 – 18:00 | LECTURE I: Marion Hamm (Graz), TBA

WEDNESDAY, 27 July 2016

09:00 – 10:30 | KEYNOTE II: Helena Flam (Leipzig), “From Trust to Distrust: Sexual Abuse by Catholic Priests in the US and the Dissolution of an Emotional Regime”

16:30 – 18:00 | LECTURE II: Marion Näser-Lather (Marburg), “Regimes of (En)trust(ment): Conceptualizations and Interaction Dynamics within Italian Feminist Movements”

THURSDAY, 28 July 2016

09:00 – 10:30 | KEYNOTE III: Cristina Grasseni (Utrecht), “Economies of Trust: Practices and Politics of Critical Consumption from an Ethnographic Point of View. The Case of Italy’s Solidarity Purchase Groups”

16:30 – 18:00 | LECTURE III: Alexander Koenler (Belfast), “Trust or Transparency? Neorural Activism in Italy for the Right to Certify in an Age of Transparency”

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