

Ordering practices and engaging with difference

Joint workshop organised by the WWU's Institut für Ethnologie and the German Police University (HSPV NRW) in Münster

The WWU's Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology (Institut für Ethnologie) is pleased to announce a collaborative workshop with the Hochschule für Polizei und öffentliche Verwaltung Nordrhein-Westfalen (HSPV NRW), in which students of anthropology will have the opportunity to come into contact with students from the German Police University in Münster as well as police officials and lecturers. The two-day workshop, which will take place on 01.07 and 02.07.22, will allow anthropology students to observe and participate in HSPV-led exercises promoting racial and socio-economic awareness as well as to interact with and ask questions of the police representatives. The aim of the workshop is to provide both sets of students the chance to take up the lens of the other, thereby deepening their understanding of how questions of difference and of diverging cultural practices are taken up and addressed and ultimately inform attitudes and behaviours – whether those of anthropologists or of the police, who both come into contact with otherness over the course of their work.

For students of anthropology who have been studying police, police practices and the concept of policing, the workshop is a unique opportunity to practically engage with aspects of current police practices as well as the police representatives themselves. Participant observation is a key methodological tool in anthropological practice, offering as it does the ability for researchers to actively enter a field of cultural practices, challenging their theoretical frameworks and enriching as well as informing their efforts to represent diverse and divergent cultural domains and lifeworlds. For the participating police cadets, it is the hope of the anthropology department that they too might have their own perspectives and frameworks enriched by their engagement with anthropological ways of seeing and understanding the police and policing practices.

The workshop will take place on **Friday, 01 July 2022 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Scharnhorststr. 100 (SCH 100.107) as well as on Saturday, 02 July 2022 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Krummer Timpen 5 - ULB 101.** The workshop will be lead by the department's Prof. Dr. Helene Basu and Yassin W. Gaber as well as Police Inspector Hülya Duran and police pastor and chaplain Stephan Draheim (lecturer at the HSPV NRW).

All are welcome.

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