



Within the framework of the Spring School “Participation in Media Cultures”, we cordially invite you to the keynote speech on

Immigrant Protest, Immigrant Rage: Border Disorder and Transnational Cinema

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Location: Room 27, Ground Floor Neuphilologikum

Abstract:

According to filmmaker Alex Rivera, we inhabit an era of ‘border disorder,’ witnessing tensions between, on the one hand, the intensification of media technology, mobility, and boundlessness and, on the other, the aggressive militarization of borders. We also witness the explosion of political mobilization by irregular migrants and pro-migrant activists. This presentation engages discourses of immigrant protest in various transnational films. My central concept is the ‘usability’ of the foreigner as a figure whose physical or emotional labor sustains the citizen, even as the foreigner herself is considered disposable. The interrelated ‘usability’ and ‘disposability’ of foreignness are symptomatic of the paradox of foreignness itself, as both xenophobia and xenophilia are mobilized in the service of a nation.

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