

Global Timescapes

Entangled Temporalities in the Global South

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For the 2018 Summer School in the Thematic Network “Literary Cultures of the Global South”, we propose to embark on an exploration of the complex “timescapes” of the Global South. The concept is conceived of as an addition to Appadurai’s heuristic model of the “-scapes” of global culture. Following Achille Mbembe’s notion of “time of entanglement” in his ground-breaking essay *On the Postcolony* (2001), the “timescapes” of the Global South can be described in terms of multi-layered entangled temporalities. Constructing the Global South in terms of temporality instead of terms of space allows for a more flexible and less essentialized notion of entanglement, as “being” in terms of time must be understood as becoming and overlapping, whereas space tends to suggest some notion of fixed being. We consider temporality therefore a very efficient tool for understanding inequality in geopolitical terms, because time, as a category, relates to multiple levels of social phenomena and is embedded in power structures. It imposes discipline and routines on subjects so they can fulfil roles assigned to them in the dominant economic and political order. It also has a determining impact on their everyday lives. In addition, it is the key to imagining the past and the future and can be a powerful asset to create time frames that resist the dominant order. Finally, time is crucial to the ways in which difference has been and continues to be constructed in a geopolitical context.

“What time this place?” *Papers on the following topics are invited for the Summer School:*

- Temporal regimes in the Global South
- Politics of time in the Global South
- Time and work, reproduction
- Gender and time
- Time and geographies
- Climate change and planetary time
- Medial times, digital times
- Time and pedagogy
- Time and aesthetics, narrative, historiography
- Time North and South, colonization and decolonization
- Times of life and necropolitics
- Temporal entanglements, collisions, contradictions

Please submit a 200-word abstract (please no panel suggestions) along with a short CV to andree.gerland@uni-tuebingen by 28 February 2018



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