

URBAN CITIZENSHIP REVISITED

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Against the backdrop of globalization and the re-scaling of politics, cities have become crucial sites for the negotiation of conflicts over inclusion and exclusion, participation and power, belonging, difference and identity. However, the role of urban politics is ambivalent. Progressive politics and social movements as well as new forms of governance that produce specific dynamics of social, political and cultural exclusion are grounded in the city. The concept of citizenship is an indispensable tool for the understanding of these processes and for a critical analysis of the local codification and institutionalization of rights and recognition.

The symposium will analyze and theorize current practices of urban citizenship through a comparative and multidisciplinary survey of two cities: Berlin and Tel Aviv. Despite their different histories and national contexts, both cities share many similarities – with each other and with other cities. They both portray themselves as global cities and struggle with urban problems such as rising rents, gentrification and neighborhood change, the contested use of public space, politics of privatization, and questions around minority politics and the incorporation of immigrants. International scholars will present cutting-edge research from Berlin and Tel Aviv and discuss the theoretical implications and political perspectives concerning the concept of urban citizenship.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:30 – 10:00h **WELCOME SPEECH & OPENING REMARKS**

> TALJA BLOKLAND *Humboldt-University Berlin*

10:00 – 12:00h **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**URBAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
BETWEEN PRIVATIZING DEMOCRACY AND CREEPING APARTHEID**

> OREN YIFTACHEL *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*

CHAIR: Ina Kerner *Humboldt-University Berlin*

12:00 – 13:30h Lunchbreak

13:30 – 15:30h **PANEL I: PUBLIC SPACE, URBAN CULTURE, AND THE RIGHT TO DIVERSITY**

Do minorities and subcultures enjoy a moral and/or legal right to the city in Berlin and Tel Aviv? Through which local practices, institutions and discourses are collective identities negotiated and recognized? How do discriminatory discourses and practices relate to place-specific history? And how do national discourses and practices manifest themselves locally in both cities?

CHAIR: Christine Hentschel *Humboldt-University Berlin*

**NEW CITIZENS, OLD DIVERSITY:
LABOR MIGRANTS AND NETWORKED SPACES IN TEL AVIV**

> NIR COHEN *Ruppiner Academic Center* & TALIA MARGALIT *Tel Aviv University*

**CONFLICTING DIVERSITIES:
URBAN LEISURE PUBLICS AND STRUGGLES OVER SPACE IN THE
NEOLIBERAL CITY**

> KIRA KOSNICK *Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main*

**KANAK ATTAK INVADES THE CITY:
CHALLENGING CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION POLICIES**

> DUYGU GÜRSEL & GÖKCE YURDAKUL *Humboldt-University Berlin*

15:30 – 16:00h Coffeebreak

16:00 – 18:00h **PANEL II: HUMAN SECURITY AS A LOCAL PUBLIC GOOD**

Are Berlin and Tel Aviv “livable cities”? How are problems of housing, healthcare, education, mobility, etc. addressed? How are goods and services distributed socially and spatially in both cities? What are the place-specific mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion from resources, and what can we learn from recent experiences with area-based programs and policies in Berlin and Tel Aviv?

CHAIR: Talia Margalit *Tel Aviv University*

**CONFRONTING SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOODS:
SUCCESSSES AND FAILURES IN BERLIN**

> BRITTA GRELL *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin/WZB*

**AFFORDABILITY AND CITIZENSHIP:
CONTESTED MEANINGS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE
STRUGGLE OVER URBAN CITIZENSHIP IN TEL AVIV**

> YISHAI BLANK *Tel Aviv University*

**EXCLUDED BERLIN:
HOUSING AT THE MARGINS OF URBAN CITIZENSHIP**

> ANDREJ HOLM *Humboldt-University Berlin*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00 – 11:00h

PANEL III: PARTICIPATION IN URBAN POLITICS

Which rights and practices and which institutional landscapes allow residents in Berlin and Tel Aviv to participate in local politics? To which degree is political power distributed unequally? How do new forms of urban governance reshape the notion of political participation? What forms of “insurgent citizenship” do residents of Berlin and Tel Aviv practice, and how do minorities participate in local politics?

CHAIR: Henrik Lebuhn *Humboldt-University Berlin*

THE MAKING OF PARTNERSHIP AND ‘NETWORKED EXPERTS’. URBAN RENEWAL AND PARTICIPATION IN YAFFO GIMMEL

> ADRIANA KEMP & GALIA RATTNER *Tel Aviv University*

FROM CITIZENSHIP TO SOCIAL STRUGGLE. PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS AS A POINT OF REFERENCE FOR PROTEST AND SELF-ORGANIZATION IN BERLIN

> ARMIN KUHN *Potsdam University*

BE BERLIN! GOVERNING THE CITY THROUGH CITIZENSHIP

> STEPHAN LANZ *Viadrina-University Frankfurt/Oder*

11:00 – 11:30h

Coffeebreak

11:30 – 13:00h

Continuation of Panel-Discussions in Workshops

WORKSHOP I

PUBLIC SPACE, URBAN CULTURE, AND THE RIGHT TO DIVERSITY

WORKSHOP II

HUMAN SECURITY AS A LOCAL PUBLIC GOOD

WORKSHOP III

PARTICIPATION IN URBAN POLITICS

13:00 – 14:30h

Lunchbreak

14:30 – 16:00h

REPORTS FROM THE WORKSHOPS

CHAIR: Talja Blokland (*Humboldt-University Berlin*)

16:00 – 16:30h

Coffeebreak

16:30 – 18:00h

CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL DISCUSSION

> ROLAND ROTH (*Hochschule Magdeburg*)

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STUDENT ASSISTANTS: Susanna Raab // Tilman Versch

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