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THE dOCUMENTA (13) IN KASSEL/GERMANY,
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University of Kassel, campus "Holländischer Platz",
"Aquarium" at Arnold-Bode-Str. 2-6, Kassel
See: <http://kritnet.org/symposium-2012>

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The “Network for Critical Border and Migration Regime Research” (kritnet) was founded in 2008 to support critical views on, and create knowledge about, migration, racism, and border policies from a decidedly emancipatory perspective. Situated at the intersection of university, art and movements, the network seeks to combine these different approaches to achieve a broader scope and trigger public interventions. Presently over 200 individuals are involved in the network. This interest points to the urgency in creating a critical and interdisciplinary discursive space that addresses the issues at hand. It is even more significant given that conventional academic research and education in this field are influenced by dominant, state-centered discourses.

Since its founding, the network has already received a reputation in the academic and political realm with its biannual meetings, networking projects, publications and political interventions in the public discourse. Examples are its statements “Democracy instead of Integration” (<http://demokratie-statt-integration.kritnet.org/>), a reaction to the Sarrazin theses, and “Freedom instead of Frontex” (<http://kritnet.org/2011/freiheit-statt-frontex/>).

The goal of kritnet’s 8th meeting is to internationalize our debates. We are inviting well-known scholars, activists, and artists from different countries and regions around the world to share their experiences, research approaches, and ideas of organizing.

Now is the time to confront the globalization of the European border and migration regime with an engaged knowledge production at the juncture of activism, culture, and scholarly work. Now is the time to confront EU-financed, neoliberal research and its hegemonic knowledge production with another notion of academic knowledge production and to pursue practical steps for networking. The context of the dOCUMENTA (13) is an excellent venue for this task, and offers several connective points. Furthermore, this is a fitting occasion to bring our ideas to the public. For this purpose, we are planning a three-day symposium.

LOGISTICS

The working language of the symposium is English. Translation is available into German and Spanish upon request.

Venue:

University of Kassel, campus "Holländischer Platz". The symposium takes place in and around "Aquarium" at Arnold-Bode-Str. 2-6, see:

<http://kritnet.org/symposium-2012/location/>

Registration:

Please register in advance (25 Euro for all three days), link to online registration:

<http://kritnet.org/symposium-2012/anmeldung-registration/>

For queries please see: <http://kritnet.org/symposium-2012/>

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012

- Morning: Guided dOCUMENTA (13) tour (upon separate registration; admission fee to be covered individually)
- 4-6pm: Pre-Conference Workshop (location: Aquarium, Arnold-Bode-Str. 2-6): "The kritnet ABC" for newbies – you are welcome!
- 6-7pm: Registration, Welcome, Snacks

7-9:30PM: (LOCATION: ASTA-KULTURZENTRUM K19): PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION: "THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE BORDER REGIME – THE TRANSNATIONALIZATION OF MIGRATION STRUGGLES"

(moderated by Gerda Heck, Sabine Hess)

Panelists

- José Luis Rocha (Servicio Jesuita de Apoyo al Migrante, Universidad Centroamericana, Nicaragua)
- Yonatan Berman (Hotline for Migrant Solidarity, Israel)
- Begum Ozden Firat (Migrant Solidarity Group, Istanbul)
- Olga Lafazani (diktio, Network of Social Support to Migrants and Refugees, Athens)

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

10AM-12.30PM: MORNING PANEL "THE RACISM OF BORDER REGIMES"

(moderated by Stefanie Kron, Helen Schwenken)

Panelists

- Robyn Magalit Rodriguez (Rutgers University and University of California Davies, USA)
- Mogniss Abdallah (Film maker and writer, Paris)
- Ibán Trapaga (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa, Mexico)

2.30-6PM PARALLEL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

(plenary first, then split-up into smaller groups):

Workshop I: Activist Citizenship and Struggles of Migration

(moderated by kritnet group Hamburg)

Panelists

- Nicholas De Genova (Goldsmiths, University of London): The Queer Politics of Migration
- Vicki Squire (The Open University, London): The Contested Politics of Mobility
- Kim Rygiel (Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada): Citizenship, Migrant Activism and the Politics of Movement

Workshop II: The Politics of Representation and the Limits of Visibility Politics

(moderated by Nanna Heidenreich, Natalie Bayer)

Panelists

- Marie-Hélène Gutberlet (J.W. Goethe University of Frankfurt)
- Brigitta Kuster (film theorist and artist, Berlin, Wien, Zürich)
- Duygu Gürsel (Allmende, Berlin)

EVENING

Optional programme:

- *Theatre play "Die im Schatten"* ("Those in the shadow") by "Theatre Peripherie" (Frankfurt a.M), location: Freestyle Halle, Franzgraben 58, Kassel, a circa 20 minute walk from the conference location. In cooperation with Refugee Council Hestia and "BLEIB in Hessen" (admission not included into kritnet fee)
- *Kritnet film screenings* at "karoshi. Freiraum für Subkultur, Kunst & Politik" (Gießbergstraße 41-47) followed by bar and party

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012

10-10.30AM MORNING PANEL: CONDITIONS AND STRATEGIES OF CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE PRODUCTION

Input by Peter Spillmann (Zürich, Berlin, Luzern, kritnet)

10:30-12PM WORKSHOPS DEEPENING QUESTIONS OF CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE PRODUCTION

- Workshop I: How to study Biometrisation etc.: Introduction into Actor-Network-Theory, Science and Technology Studies approaches (STS) (with Vassilis Tsianos, Silja Klepp and Maria Schwertl; moderation: Silja Klepp)
- Workshop II: Methodological and Ethical Questions for Activist Research and Activist Scholarship (with Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, N.N.; moderation: Helen Schwenken)
- Workshop III: Critical Knowledge Production in Times of the Anti-Trafficking Dispositive (with José Luis Rocha and Marc Speer; moderation: Stefanie Kron)

12PM: CLOSING PLENARY on perspectives for kritnet and international cooperation with other critical migration and border scholarly activists

1PM: CLOSING OF THE SYMPOSIUM & BYE-BYE

KRITNET BONUS TRACK

2:30-5PM: KRITNET WORK SPACE

organized by existing working groups (migmap, website) as well as concretizing networking and activities.

This symposium is organized by...

... the *Network for Critical Migration and Border Regime Research (kritnet)* in collaboration with the "Laboratory of Critical Migration and Border Regime Studies" at the Institute for Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology of the Georg-August University of Göttingen (Prof. Dr. Sabine Hess) and the unit "Labour Migration Policies/Migration and Decent Work" at the University of Kassel (Prof. Dr. Helen Schwenken).

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