

P/political & critical Geographies Switzerland

u^b Bern, March 10-11, 2011

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(Hallerstr. 10, CDE 5th floor)

Within the last few years the field of political geography has begun to flourish at Swiss universities, both in research and teaching. The aim of the two-day workshop held on 10 and 11 March in Bern is to bring together scholars working on political/critical geographies within Swiss departments. The idea is to strengthen the networks within political/critical geography between Swiss universities, to introduce our research to each other, to discuss the topic of teaching political geography and think about possible future collaborations.

We are looking forward to meeting the Swiss Human Geography community!

Carolyn Schurr, Bettina Fredrich & Doris Wastl-Walter

Thursday 10.3.11

9.00 Welcome and 'Gipfeli'

9.30 RESEARCH GROUPS

Doris Wastl-Walter (Bern)
Benedikt Korf, Timothy Raeymaekers (Zürich)
Joris Van Wezemael (Fribourg)
Francisco Klauser (Neuchâtel)
Ulrike Müller-Böker (Zürich)
Réne Verón (Lausanne)
Christian Berndt (Zürich)

12.00 Lunch

13.30 GEOGRAPHIES OF LOCAL(ISED) POLITICS

Christina Zweifel (Fribourg): **Exploring the Political in municipal old-age policy in Switzerland**

Carolyn Schurr (Bern): **Performative political geographies**

Sara Byrne, Pia Hollenbach, Deborah Johnson, Bart Klem (Zürich): **Brokering political geographies**

Paola Rattu (Lausanne): **Rural and peripheral tourism in Europe: between normalization and valorization**

15.30 Coffee

16.00 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Olivier Ejderyan (Fribourg): **Nature as a matter of concern: Or how to start an ecology of expert practices**

Christine Homewood (Fribourg): **Water management in the Crans-Montana-Sierre region: power games between technical experts and local politicians**

Sebastian Zug (Fribourg): **Looking at water supply from below. People's practices to ensure water access in peri-urban Khartoum**

Olivier Graefe (Fribourg): **Water governance and the river basin fetishism**

Juliet Fall (Geneva): **Making the world? Black lists and natural aliens**

18.30 Dinner

Friday 11.3.11

9.00 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES OF LABOUR

Johanna Herrigel (Zürich): **Mobilizing and reworking labouring subjects through social difference at the bottom-end of global production networks**

Clémence Merçay (Neuchâtel): **International migration of health personnel and the cosmopolitization of human resources for health policies**

Catherine Robin (Zürich): **The world of creativity and its underlying logics**

10.30 Coffee

11.00 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES OF SECURITY

Bettina Fredrich (Bern): **Embodying security: The implementation of the UN-resolution 1325 in security and peace politics of Switzerland**

Francisco R. Klauser (Neuchâtel): **Political Geographies of security and surveillance at sports mega-events**

GEOGRAPHIES OF DEVELOPMENT

Urs Geiser (Zürich): **Re-politicising development studies - evidence from South Asia**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 TEACHING POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY & FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

17.30 End

REGISTRATION

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I attend

workshop on Thursday

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