

Call for Papers
HGGS Forum 2013: Identities
14th /15th June 2013
Anglistisches Seminar (Heidelberg)

The *Heidelberg Graduate School for Humanities and Social Sciences* (HGGS) annual conference takes place on **14th (Fri.) and 15th (Sat.) June 2013** at the **Anglistisches Seminar** of Heidelberg University. With its title "**Identities**", the conference will have a subject focus for the very first time; another novelty is the option between presenting one's doctoral thesis in the form of a talk or a poster. **The papers presented in a talk will subsequently be published.**

Many-faceted concepts like "identity" (singular) constitute a theme for many disciplines: historians understand identity as an ever-shifting concept defined by the self-conception of human beings; linguists investigate the way language creates and shapes identity; psychologists consider the conception of one's self as a central *topos* of their field of study. Despite partial overlaps between the various definitions, the meaning of the concept of identity is so multifaceted that it is perhaps most appropriate to speak of "identities" (plural), i.e. of completely different conceptualisations according to each discipline's discourse. The notion of identity thus is an ideal topic for a HGGS conference. Key issues associated with the concept of identity are, for instance: dissociation, affiliation (to a group), social roles, language- and culture-related identity, minority, collective and personal identity, crossing of borders, cosmopolitanism.

The conference aims at exploiting the possibilities of the interdisciplinary perspective of the HGGS, in order to bring out the analogies and the differences of each disciplinary approach to the theme "Identities". The Forum 2013 will therefore be dedicated to the discussion of and reflection on the different theoretical methods and challenges of each field of study.

There are two different possibilities of participating in the conference:

1. a 20-minute talk
2. a poster presentation of the doctoral thesis

Talks

For a 20-minute talk followed by a 20-minute discussion, please submit an abstract (PDF file) of about 400 words on the above-described topic to **forum@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de** by **11th March 2013**. Acceptance notifications will be sent out on 25th March 2013. The organization committee are glad to answer your questions at the same e-mail address. (Corrected/Improved) presentations are considered for publication.
Abstract requirements: see below

Posters

For a poster presentation, please register in the form of an abstract (PDF file) of about 400 words at **forum@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de** by **11th March 2013**. Poster presentations do not necessarily have to comply with the conference's subject focus, but they can deal with other subjects as well. Please note that poster presentations are only eligible for publication if they relate to the conference's overall theme and if they are transformed into a written paper. By presenting a poster, HGGS members fully meet the compulsory curriculum requirement of presenting one's doctoral thesis at the Forum. A poster style sheet will be made available.

Abstract requirements (talks/posters)

Abstracts – both for talks and posters – must be submitted to **forum@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de** in the form of a PDF file by **11th March 2013**. They should be **about 400 words in length** and contain the following details:

1. title of the presentation
2. author's name
3. e-mail address
4. postal address
5. technical equipment required

The content of the abstracts should include the following points:

1. a recognizable thesis/statement or research question
2. a theoretical frame, the criteria of analysis
3. the main hypothesis at issue
4. data used and main object of analysis
5. the method(s) applied
6. first results (if applicable)
7. a list of keywords
8. a short list of key references (max. 5)

Computers and media projectors will be made available in each room; if requested, special equipment can be provided; movable walls for the posters will also be made available at the venue.