



**HUMAN  
DIFFERENTIATION**  
CRC 1482

# SORTING PEOPLE INTO KINDS

## PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN DIFFERENTIATION

**December 5–7, 2024**

Atrium Maximum,  
Alte Mensa, JGU Mainz

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, December 5

9:15 am Welcome

### HUMAN DIFFERENTIATION ILLUSTRATED

9:25 am–10:15 am **Stefan Hirschauer**, JGU Mainz  
Sorting People into Kinds.  
Introducing Human Differentiation

10:30 am–11:20 am **Tobias Boll**, JGU Mainz  
Sorting Out Sex. Sexualities and their People

11:25 am–12:15 pm **Benjamin Wihstutz**, JGU Mainz  
Doing Dis/ability. Performing, Passing,  
Differentiating  
*Lunch Break*

### LANGUAGE AND COGNITION

1:15 pm–2:25 pm **Eviatar Zerubavel**, Rutgers University, NJ  
Social Grouping. Cognitive Sociology and the  
Phenomenology of Social Distance

2:35 pm–3:25 pm **Roland Imhoff**, JGU Mainz  
Facing Differences. Lumping People based on  
Visual Impressions

3:30 pm–4:20 pm **Erez Levon**, University of Bern  
Kinds, Loops, and the Social Experience of  
Categories

4:40 pm–5:30 pm **Nico Nassenstein**, JGU Mainz  
Language and (Self-)recognition in  
East Africa

5:50 pm–7:00 pm **Alondra Nelson**, Institute for Advanced  
Study, Princeton, NJ  
Sociotechnical Turns in The Social Life of DNA.  
From the Human Genome Project to AI

Starting 7:30 pm *Conference Dinner at Heiliggeist*

Friday, December 6

### MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURES

9:15 am–10:05 am **Mimi Sheller**, Worcester Polytechnic  
Institute  
Producing 'People' through Moving, Fixing,  
Parting, and Commoning: Towards a Mobile  
Theory of Human Differentiation

10:10 am–11:00 am **Annalisa Pelizza**, Università di Bologna  
Scripts of Alterity: The Data Infrastructural  
Enactment of People on the Move to Europe  
as Migrants

11:15 am–12:05 pm **Wendy Chun**, Simon Fraser University  
From Algorithmic Discrimination to Recognition.  
The Technology and Politics of Authenticating  
Difference

12:10 pm–1:00 pm **Gabriele Schabacher**, JGU Mainz  
Infrastructures of Human Differentiation.  
From Architecture to Data  
*Lunch Break*

### BODIES AND STATUS

2:00 pm–2:50 pm **Mita Banerjee**, JGU Mainz  
Living in 'The Village' of Successful Aging:  
Age, Whiteness and Wealth

2:55 pm–3:45 pm **Mara Loveman**, UC Berkeley  
Enslaved Women, Free Wombs:  
How Gradual Abolition of Slavery Created  
New Kinds of Unequal Human Kinds

4:00 pm–4:50 pm **Ghassan Hage**, The University of  
Melbourne  
On the Usage of Animal Metaphors in Everyday  
Racialising Practices

4:55 pm–5:45 pm **Matthias Krings**, JGU Mainz  
Melanin Matters. Coloristic Human Differentiation

6:00 pm–7:10 pm **Loïc Wacquant**, UC Berkeley  
Race as a Social Principle of Vision and Division  
*Dinner for Speakers at Meditarreneo*

From 8 pm:

Saturday, December 7

### BOUNDARIES AND POLITICS

9:30 am–10:20 am **Oliver Scheiding**, JGU Mainz  
Zines, Fans, Allies: Intensities of Affiliation in  
Micro-Media

10:25 am–11:15 am **Dilek Dizdar**, JGU Mainz  
Borders and Bordering.  
Translation in asylum settings

11:30 am–1:00 pm **Anthony Appiah**, NYU  
Polation and the Politics of Identity  
& Final Discussion

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- **Anthony Appiah**, NYU
- **Alondra Nelson**,  
Institute for Advanced  
Study, Princeton, NJ
- **Loïc Wacquant**,  
UC Berkeley
- **Eviatar Zerubavel**,  
Rutgers University, NJ

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