

## Series of lectures for refugees

### „Cultural Anthropology - Contributions and Perspectives on Migration“

Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology

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The Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology in Freiburg offers a series of lectures for refugees interested in the discipline of Cultural Anthropology and its approach to migration related topics. The series of lectures will start on October 6 20 and will continue every second week by giving insight into intercultural challenges in Germany and its academia, historical and contemporary perspectives on migration in Freiburg and Germany and international, national and local migrant self-organization. Participation is free of charge. A certificate of attendance will be issued for those attending all three lectures. For further information please contact Inga Schwarz (inga.schwarz@eu-ethno.uni-freiburg.de).

Thursday October 6, 2016 6:15-8 pm

#### Dr. Florian von Dobeneck

##### **Main areas of research and teaching:**

Intercultural Communication, Expatriate und Elite Migration, German Minorities, Diaspora, Roma-Minorities

##### **“Strange German Habits - Intercultural challenges in Germany and its academia”**

Germany scores high in evaluations on student satisfaction and German universities are striving to develop a more enlightened approach to different learning cultures. Nevertheless many international students, especially those who stay for a longer period of time, seem to be less satisfied. Many of them leave the university without a degree. One very important reason has to do with different learning cultures and misunderstandings about the discipline. But also the high level of bureaucracy and the lack of relevant information are challenging. This lecture therefore aims to inform about the discipline (Cultural Anthropology) and about crucial intercultural challenges in Germany and its academia.



Thursday October 20, 2016 6:15-8 pm

#### JProf Dr. Anna Lipphardt

##### **Main areas of research and teaching:**

Migration and Mobility Studies; Mobile milieus and minorities; East European Jewry; Holocaust; memory and trauma

##### **“Arrival Country Germany, Past and Present. Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Migration”**

To understand, how Germany ticks as a society when it comes to migration, it is important to take a look at Germany’s migration history since 1945. The first part of the evening consists of an lecture providing an overview of the different waves and forms of migration that have shaped both, German society in general, and the urban community of Freiburg in particular. Starting with the forced displacements caused by World War II, through the labor migration from Southern European countries in the 1970s, the people who sought political asylum or arrived as war refugees during the Balkan wars, to the privileged migrants who exercise their freedom of movement as citizens of the European Union, we will approach the topic from two perspectives: 1. Who were the respective new arrivals and what situation did they find upon their arrival in Germany? 2. And what where the public debates and political solutions that emerged as a response to different forms of migration that affected German society? The second part of the evening opens up the floor to discuss the audience members’ experiences and perceptions as new comers in Germany.



Thursday November 3, 2016 6:15-8 pm

#### Dr. Inga Schwarz

##### **Main areas of research and teaching:**

Migration and Mobility Studies, Legal Anthropology, Irregular Migration, Education Research, Trajectory Analysis

##### **“Migrant self-organization in Freiburg and Germany - examples, possibilities and limitations”**

In Germany a manifold of support organizations for migrants and refugees exist both nationwide and on the local level. Offering support in legal and medical queries, providing language courses and practical support in various everyday life problems those organizations play a key role for humans arriving in Germany. Refugee and migrant organizations are either state-run, bound to public institutions or organized by voluntary support networks. Migrant self-organizations constitute yet another form of arrangement and political engagement in this sector and will build the main focus of this lecture. Migrant self-organization has emerged both in nationwide and international movements like the VOICE and the CARAVAN and on the local level and takes a stand for political participation and the fight against social exclusion. This lecture will discuss examples of migrant self-organizations as well as implied possibilities and limitations of participation on the local, national and international level.

