



**CONFERENCE  
CERTAINTY UNDERMINED.  
LIFE-WORLDS AND KNOWLEDGE IN TRANSITION**

14–16 October 2010  
IFK  
Reichsratsstraße 17, 1010 Wien

Global flows of various kinds have long been a core topic of cultural analysis. But now, more than ever before, the transnational movement of capital, people, and information impacts stock and labor markets, uproots social relations, and shakes communities and worldviews. People's life-worlds – the domain of self-evident and shared practices, beliefs, values, and communication structures – are undergoing far-reaching changes comparable to those affecting class structures, socio-cultural milieus, and gender roles.

The conference will convene renowned speakers from a range of academic disciplines to address key questions of the IFK's new research focus, which deals with the effects and changes recent denationalization and deterritorialization trends have wrought on patterns of everyday life and knowledge production. Topics will include the role of intellectuals in the global language system, various "glocal" contexts, the spread and limits of knowledge, as well as the political and cultural challenges raised by new transnational configurations of economic (dis)order. Contributions from literary, cultural, and media studies, history and anthropology will investigate symbolic forms in motion and modes of world-making in languages and images. Special emphasis will also be given to globalization's repercussions for race, ethnicity, media, and the arts, and with regard to new spatial and temporal trajectories.

**Thursday, 14 October 2010, Venue: IFK**

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14.00	Address of Welcome <b>Helmut Lethen</b>  Introduction <b>Ulf Hannerz</b>  Chair: <b>John L. Comaroff</b>  <b>CHALLENGES OF A WORLD IN FLUX</b>
14.30	<b>Ulf Hannerz</b> Tumbled into Endless Connection: Life-worlds, Art Worlds, Scholarly Worlds
15.30	Coffee Break
16.00	<b>Abram de Swaan</b> The role of intellectuals in the changing global language system
17.00	<b>Peter Burke</b> Knowledge in Transition: The case of exiles
18.00	End

**Friday, 15 October 2010, Venue: IFK**

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	Chair: <b>Jean Comaroff</b>
	<b>VANTAGE POINTS TOWARD GLOBAL INTERCONNECTEDNESS</b>
9.30	<b>J. Lorand Matory</b> Regular Blacks in an Irregular World: Race, Uncertainty and Social Creativity in the Transnational Black Bourgeoisie
10.30	<b>Goh Beng Lan</b> Dilemma of progressive politics in Malaysia: Islam versus human rights
11.30	Coffee Break
12.00	<b>Koichi Iwabuchi</b> The mediated stranger, cross-border conversation and multicultural politics in the age of inter-national governance of media culture connectivity
13.00	Lunch Break
	Chair: <b>Sabine Frühstück</b>
	<b>WORLD-MAKING IN WORDS AND IMAGES</b>
15.00	<b>Mary Gallagher</b> Teaching "Migrant Writing in French" in an Irish University dedicated to "Forming Global Minds"
16.00	Coffee Break
16.30	<b>Andreas Huyssen</b> Splitting Epic Worlds: Nalini Malani's Art of Memory
17.30	<b>Elisabeth Bronfen</b> Reporting from the War Zone
18.30	End

**Saturday, 16 October 2010, Venue: IFK**

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	Chair: <b>Ulf Hannerz</b>
	<b>CULTURAL FORMS IN MOTION</b>
9.30	<b>Celia Lury</b> Space in itself: The movement of lists, borders and brands
10.30	<b>Thomas Fillitz</b> The Global Culture of Art Biennales: "Afropolitanism"? About Nationalism and Panafricanism in Art at Dak'Art 2010
11.30	Coffee Break
12.00	<b>Mark LeVine</b> The Return of the Aura: Rock, Resistance and the Reimagination of Popular and Public Cultures in a Globalized Context
13.00	End

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***Conception:***

*Ulf Hannerz (Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University)*

***Participants:***

*Elisabeth Bronfen (English Department, Universität Zürich),*

*Peter Burke (Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge),*

*Jean Comaroff (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago; Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory; IFK\_Guest of Director),*

*John L. Comaroff (Department of Anthropology and Social Sciences, University of Chicago; American Bar Foundation; IFK\_Guest of Director),*

*Thomas Fillitz (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Universität Wien),*

*Sabine Frühstück (Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, University of California Santa Barbara; IFK\_Senior Fellow),*

*Mary Gallagher (School of Languages & Literatures, University College Dublin),*

*Beng Lan Goh (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, National University of Singapore),*

*Andreas Huyssen (Department of Germanic Languages, Columbia University),*

*Koichi Iwabuchi (Faculty of International Research and Education, Waseda University, Tokyo),*

*Mark LeVine (Department of History, University of California, Irvine),*

*Celia Lury (Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths' College, University of London),*

*J. Lorand Matory (African and African-American Studies, Duke University),*

*Abram de Swaan (Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam)*