

Topologie der Technik RFG: Winter Semester 2012/13

Theme: Gender, Technology, and Space

Fridays, 08:45–11:30 Place: S3 | 13 334

***Note:** Text discussions from October–December are in English only, and text discussions in January and February are in German and English. Presentations are in German or English.

Journal articles are available through the Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek (EZB): <http://www.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/ulb/startseite/index.de.jsp> (search for journal title in the box “Schnell Suche”). All book excerpts are available electronically.

Part I: Theories of Gender, Technology, and Space

October 19: *Ways of Seeing*

- “Observations Observed,” introduction to *Histories of Scientific Observation*, edited by Lorraine Daston and Elizabeth Lunbeck (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011), 1–9

October 26: *Spatial Theory I*

- Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space*, trans. Donald Nicholson-Smith (Oxford: Blackwell, 1991), 21–53
- Presentation: „Allgemeine Informationen zum Stipendienbeginn,“ Anne Batsche

November 2: *Spatial Theory II*

- Edward W. Soja, *Postmodern Geographies: The Reassertion of Space in Critical Social Theory* (London: Verso, 1989), introduction and chapter 3, “The Socio-Spatial Dialectic”
- Presentations: Christian Zumbrägel and Aleksandra Paschke

November 9: *Gender Theory, Sexuality Theory*

- Judith Butler, “Imitation and Gender Insubordination,” from *Inside/Out*, edited by Diana Fuss (1991) (<http://pcnw.org/files/Butler-ImitationandGenderInsubordination.pdf>),
- Presentations: Dagmar Bellmann and Lukas Breitwieser

November 16: *Bodies in Space*

- Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality: An Introduction*, vol. 1, trans. Robert Hurley (New York: Vintage, 1990), chapter 2, “The Perverse Implantation”
- Presentations: Donna Drucker and Giuseppina Pellegrino

Part II: The Human Body as Gendered Space

November 23: *Space in the Brain*

- Anne Fausto-Sterling, *Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality*, chapter 5
- Presentations: Benjamin Seibel and Ekaterina Fen

November 30: *Medicine and Space*

- José van Dijck, *The Transparent Body: A Cultural History of Medical Imaging* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2005), chapter 1, “Mediated Bodies and the Ideal of Transparency,” and chapter 6, “Ultrasound and the Visible Fetus”
- Presentations: Robert Rehner and Syed Agha Muhammad

December 7: *Male Bodies in Space*

- Marianne van den Wijngaard, "The Acceptance of Scientific Theories and Images of Masculinity and Femininity: 1959–c1985," *Journal of History of Biology*, 24 (1991), 19–49; Nelly Oudshoorn, "On Masculinities, Technologies and Pain: The Testing of Male Contraceptives in the Clinic and the Media," *Science, Technology and Human Values*, 24 (1999): 265–89
- Presentation: Marie-Christin Wedel

December 14: *Female Bodies in Space*

- Terri Kapsalis, *Public Privates: Performing Gynecology from Both Ends of the Speculum* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1997), chapter 5, "Retooling the Speculum: Annie Sprinkle's 'Public Cervix Announcement'" and Rachel P. Maines, "Socially Camouflaged Technologies: The Case of the Electromechanical Vibrator," *IEEE Technology and Society*, 8 (no. 2, 1989), 3–11
- Optional film: either the documentary *Passion and Power* (2008) or the recent fictional treatment *Hysteria* (2011)
- Presentations: Andreas Brenneis and Herdis Hagen

December 21

- Presentations: Sina Keesser, Dejan Petkov, and Anna Lisa Martin

Part III: *Sex and Gender in Space*

January 18: *Technology and Space*

- Jennifer S. Light, "When Computers Were Women," *Technology and Culture*, 40 (no. 3, 1999), 455–83
- Presentations: Marcel Endres and Suzana Alpsancar

January 25: *Beyond Gender*

- Donna Haraway, "A Cyborg Manifesto: Science, Technology, and Socialist-Feminism in the Late Twentieth Century," <http://www.egs.edu/faculty/donna-haraway/articles/donna-haraway-a-cyborg-manifesto/> (1991)
- Presentations: Kai Denker and Oliver Honer

February 1: *Private Space, Legal Space*

- Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, *Epistemology of the Closet* (1990; Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008), Chapter 1, "Epistemology of the Closet," 67–78 and selections from *Bowers v. Hardwick* (1986) and *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003)
- Presentations: Annette Ripper and Kaja Tulatz

February 8: *Queering Urban Space*

- *Geographies of Sexualities: Theory, Practices, Politics*, edited by Kath Browne, Jason Lim, and Gavin Brown (Ashgate, 2007): Larry Knopp, "From Lesbian and Gay Geographies: Past, Prospects, and Possibilities" (21–28), Jason Lim, "Queer Critique and the Politics of Affect" (53–67), and Tatiana Matejskova, "Straights in a Gay Bar: Negotiating Boundaries through Time Spaces" (137–49)
- Presentation: Christian Mettke and Bahar Şen

February 15: *Queering Rural Space*

- *De-Centring Sexualities: Politics and Representations beyond the Metropolis*, edited by Richard Phillips, Diane Watt and David Shuttleton (London: Routledge, 2000), introduction and chapter 4, "Margins of the City: Towards a Dialectic of Suburban Desire"
- Concluding Discussion and Summer Semester Planning