

Symposium

Living together in zones of (post-)conflict

22 September 2022 (2pm-6pm)



What does it mean to live together within zones of (post-)conflict where “brotherhood and unity” have become redundant (Arsenijević, 2012)? Do these zones constitute an exception or are they present within what is perceived as more ‘normal’ times? How does the maintenance of political violence work as a mode of governance to discipline populations and what impact does it have on quotidian life-worlds?

The symposium will explore these questions using contexts from Bosnia and Herzegovina, India, and Myanmar. The role played by forms of media, including social media, in redefining the possibilities of living together in these contexts will be examined and their links with broader authoritarian and neoliberal projects will be mapped. Similarly the manner in which memory and nostalgia work within zones of (post-)conflict to deepen existing sectarian tensions or to imagine new forms of co-existence will be an important focus for the discussions. The way in which visible violence as well as slow or creeping forms of violence, which is made invisible, function in these zones and the techniques around the sustenance of such violence will inform these discussions. The symposium will open up questions about the role of academics, activists and artists in responding to such situations and forming counter strategies while living or working within zones of (post-)conflict.

The symposium is organised as a collaboration between RePLITO - Beyond Social Cohesion-Global Repertoires of Living Together (www.replito.de), International Research Group on Authoritarianism and Counter-Strategies (IRGAC) of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (www.irgac.org) and Gender and Media Studies for the South Asian Region (HU Berlin)

PANEL 1:

2 PM TO 3.30 PM

Negotiating every day in (post-)conflict zones

Damir Arsenijević (University of Tuzla)

Nwet Kay Khine (IRGAC, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung)

Fathima Nizaruddin (IRGAC, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung)

Moderation: **Nadja-Christina Schneider** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

PANEL 2:

4 PM TO 5.30 PM

Digital Platforms, Majoritarianism and Transformation of Quotidian life-worlds in India

Rahul Mukherjee (University of Pennsylvania)

Fathima Nizaruddin (IRGAC, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung)

Moderation: **Nadja-Christina Schneider** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

The event will take place in person in room 217 at the Institute for Asian and African Studies (Invalidenstr. 118, 10115 Berlin) of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Prior registration or invitation is required to attend the event. Registration will close on **19th September 2022**. For inquiries and registration please contact fatima.n82@gmail.com

