



The conference “The Thrill of the Still - Analyzing Global Processes between Immobility and Mobility” focuses on the interrelationship between effects of mobility and immobility. Prof. John Urry (Lancaster) will discuss key concepts of the conference in his keynote address titled „Would Standing Still Save the Planet?“ on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

*Mobility* is one of the key terms for describing and explicating globalization – global processes would not even be conceivable without movement and mobility. Networking, consolidation, transfer, and transformation unfold as the specific characteristics of a permanently changing, globalizing world – the faster and the more dynamic the better. Acceleration, i.e. increasing rates of *mobility*, therefore often appears as its motto. *Immobility* is always conceptualized along with *Mobility* as a constitutive albeit usually diametrically opposed element of global developments, but it is rarely reflected upon as such.

Depending on the context, both categories carry positive as well as negative connotations. When and in which contexts does mobility connote movement, transformation, and change, and when does it connote anchor- and defenselessness? And what epistemic benefits can be gained from the observation of the two categories’ interdependence?

The contributions to this conference provide a broad framework within which these and further questions will be discussed with respect to the current and future examination of globalization from a cultural studies perspective. The Conference will be held in English. Please visit [http://www.phil.uni-mannheim.de/pk\\_globalisierung/](http://www.phil.uni-mannheim.de/pk_globalisierung/) for further information. The conference is kindly supported by John Deere and Stiftung Landesbank Baden-Württemberg.



## Programm:

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Official Opening & Keynote Address, Room: B6, A0.01

17:00 – 17:30

Official Opening

Ulfried Reichardt (Spokesperson for the Graduate Program)

17:30 – 19:00

Keynote Address

John Urry (Lancaster, U.K.)

„Would Standing Still Save the Planet?“

19:00

Reception

Friday, June 13, 2008. Room M271

Panel I: "Limited Mobility" – Dimensions of Immobility in Migration and Border Crossing

9:00 – 9:30

Introduction to the Conference

9:30 – 10:30

Eva Gerharz (Bielefeld)

"Migrants Meeting Locals: Negotiations of Identity after a Period of Immobility in Jaffna, Sri Lanka"

- Coffee break -

11:00 – 12:30

Debora Gerstenberger & Eike Karin Ohlendorf (Leipzig)

"Controlling the Vagabond: Poor Migrants in French Colonial Dakar and Hanoi / Movement as Both a Blessing and a Curse: The Portuguese Empire in the Early 19th Century between Mobility and Immobility"

12:30 – 14:30

- Lunch break -

Friday, June 13, 2008. Room M271

Panel II: "Contemplating Mobility and Immobility" – Conditions of Absence and Presence

14:30 – 15:30

Sabine Leonore Müller (Leipzig)

„The Melancholy of the Long-Distance Traveler: Contemplative Spaces within Global Mobility“



15:30 - 16:30

Heike Weber (Darmstadt)

“‘On the Move’ without Moving: Portable Electronics and the 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Culture of Anytime, Anywhere”

- Coffee break -

17:00 - 18:00

Pascal Gin (Ottawa, Canada)

“Beyond Mobility: Reflexivity and the Dialectics of Presence and Absence in Hiromi Goto’s Chorus of Mushrooms”

- Dinner -

Saturday, June 14, 2008. Room M271

Panel III: “Manifestations of Mobility and Immobility” - Movement and Locations

09:30 - 10:30

Ole W. Fischer (Zurich, Switzerland)

“An Architecture of Local Resistance? - The Myth of Slowing Down Globalization through Architecture. A Critique”

10:30 - 11:30

Paul Paret (Salt Lake City, USA)

“The Aesthetics of Delay: International Airport Montello”

- Coffee break -

12:00 - 13:00

Markus Funck (Marburg / Toronto, Kanada))

“Hub History: From City Airport to Airport City”

13:00 - 14:30

- Lunch break -

Saturday, June 14, 2008. Room: M271

Panel IV: “The Logics of Mobility and Immobility” - Concepts on the Move

14:30 - 15:30

Thomas Wägenbaur (Bruchsal)

“The Logics of Hybridization and Performance Art”

15:30 - 16:30

Birgit Haehnel (Osnabrück)

“The Politics of Perception in a World of Circulating Images”

- Coffee break -





17:00 – 18:00

Jens Badura (Paris, France)

“The Repression of the World: Globalization in Light of a Philosophy of Mondial Modernity”

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