(out)Rage in America (and elsewhere) – Structural Racism, Resistance and Responsibilities: The situation in the US and Germany, 24.06. (18.30-20.30)

The American Studies division is organizing a virtual "townhall" zoom meet up on June 24, 2020, entitled “(out)Rage in America (and elsewhere) – Structural Racism, Resistance and Responsibilities: The situation in the US and Germany,” where students and faculty members can come together and talk about racist police violence in US and Germany, white supremacy in academia, as well as possible anti-racist practices and actions at and beyond the department (organized by Daphne Beers, Julia Dutschke, Kristina Graaff, Nisren Habib, Thao Ho, Lia Kindinger, Martin Klepper, Sophie von Lentzke, Alina Weiermüller).

Thema: Town Hall Meeting
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Program:

18.30h

(1) Voices of Students: Students can share their initial thoughts on the riots, anti-black police brutality and racism in the US and Germany.
Community agreement attached.

19h

(2) Inputs

a. Policing in the U.S. and Demands to Defund, Reform, and Abolish the Police Force (Kristina Graaff)
   b. Events echoed by the media in the last weeks


d. Problems at HU/What are we doing (faculty staff)

e. TRIGGER Zine (HU Berlin): An intervention in Academic Spaces (student voice)
(3) Breakout Sessions: What can students do to actively and continuously learn and apply anti-racist practices at university and beyond?

How can ideas be put into action? What are our capacities? How can we support each other? Discussions will be documented on a pad and shared during the outlook.

(4) Outlook: How to continue? Next steps.

The Town Hall Meeting will be hosted by Thao Ho & Alina Weiermüller; questions during the meeting can be addressed to and will be answered in the chat function by Kristina Graaff & Martin Klepper; Daphne Beers will attempt to ensure that the community agreements are upheld; if you notice that people are not keeping to the community agreements and you do not feel comfortable speaking up, please contact Daphne via chat function. If you are planning to come please tell us anonymously by clicking on https://doodle.com/poll/62mz8qzhad8vu9yk. (You can also join if you forgot to do this).

In the way of netiquette we have assembled some community agreements which we ask you to stick to:

-none of us knows everything; together we know a lot

-one diva, one mic: one person talking at a time. try not to interrupt people when they're talking and give them space to say what they need to say. thinking aloud is encouraged!

-address people with their name: inquire after their pronouns. we invite you to put your pronouns in your name on zoom if you feel comfortable.

-all spaces have power dynamics, so be aware of your privileges and positionality in the space. talking about race and racism can be challenging

-step up, step back / move up, move up: be aware of how much you contribute to the discussion. if you usually talk a lot, think about moving into listening more. if you haven't said anything for a while, see if you can move into talking more. there are no obligations to perform here, but this is a space to address difficult topics in a safe way.
- **what's said here stays here, what's learned here leaves here:** maintain confidentiality of individual people, but bring knowledge of what you have learned out into the world

- **take your needs into account:** if you need to take a break, leave the room, mute yourself, or turn off your camera, this is all okay!

- **silence is ok!** Zoom and other online platforms make it sometimes challenging to interpret nonverbal communication. We acknowledge that silence doesn’t always mean disengagement but can mean thinking and deeper reflection

- **use non-oppressive language:** be mindful about what words you use

- **there are hierarchies of knowledge:** try to be clear and simple when speaking.

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