

THERMAL OBJECTS

THEORIZING TEMPERATURES
AND THE SOCIAL

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In the humanities and social sciences, heat and cold are mostly treated as metaphors. For example, the formation of the modern, urbanized society is often described as a cooling process that freezes the warm, authentic community. Thermal metaphors turn out to be crucial devices organizing discourses of modernity. However, the materiality of temperature and its relation to social phenomena was mostly overlooked.

Highlighting temperature leads us to a range of questions about the materiality of the social, including the senses, the mediality and infrastructures of heat and cold, the conception of thermal objects and elements as fire, thermopolitics and thermal aesthetics.

JUN 14, 2017 / 9:30-17h CENTRAL CONGRESS

Location: Steinstraße 5-7, 20095 Hamburg

9:30-10:00 INTRODUCTION

10:00-12:00 THERMAL CULTURES

Chair: Elena Beregow

Under the Spell of Coldness. Strong Images – Weak Analyses?

Helmut Lethen

Scorching Bombs and Freezer Desserts in a World of Cold and Hot Wars

Esther Leslie

12:00-13:30 LUNCH

13:30-15:30 ELEMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Chair: Urs Stäheli

Cooked, Steamed or Fermented? Thermal Notions of Change between Metaphor and Materiality

Elena Beregow

Governing Heat as Natural and Human-made Hazard

Leo Matteo Bachinger

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:00

From Metamorphosis to Motive Force: Pyropolitics and the Transformation of Fire Power

Nigel Clark

19:30 DINNER

JUN 15, 2017 / 9:30-17:15h WARBURG-HAUS

Location: Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

9:30-11:30 THERMAL MEDIA AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair: Steffen Krämer

Time, Temperature, and its Informational Turn

Wolfgang Ernst

Cold infrastructures: an Environmental Historical Approach to Urban Cooling

Paula Schönach

11:30-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:00 SENSING TEMPERATURE

Chair: Michael Liegl

Running a Temperature. Sociological-Phenomenological Perspectives on Distance Running, Thermoreception and 'Temperature Work'

John Hockey

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:00

Embodied Relation. Understanding Processes of Embodiment and Interrelation with Metabolic Systems: an Experimental Study using Virtual Reality

Desiree Förster

15:00-15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15-17:15 THERMAL AESTHETICS

Chair: Martin Jörg Schäfer

Clayness: The Emancipation of Matter

Agustina Andreoletti

Thermal Envelopes. Heat and Warmth in Installation Art

Gunnar Schmidt