

Assigned Workshop B

The Methodological Dilemma's of Studying Interethnic Relations

This workshop will concentrate on different methodologies to study interethnic relations - based on tried and tested methods and research examples. A critical discussion of the state of the art and newly proposed approaches should lead to a sustained argument for the best research strategies. The focus will be on how reliable data on the evolvement of relationships and entanglements across ethnic boundaries, between groups and individuals, can best be collected. Moreover, emphasis will be placed on temporal and spatial dimensions, as well as on the importance of multiple axes of differentiation. What are the possibilities of using combinations of qualitative and quantitative methods, what is their consistency, what are the advantages and distortions? In what way are comparative approaches both fruitful and feasible?