

Language(s) of Identity

Symposium

University of Cologne, Alter Senatssaal, 16th of November, 2012

The notion of identity is interpreted, contested and recontextualized in a host of philosophical contexts; one attempts to formulate a single, effective criterion which would enable its determination, one tries to offer a stringent analysis of identity across time or even across possible worlds. Equally, the socio-political consequences which ensue from such a relational term are also reflected upon. Seeking a shift in focus, this symposium concentrates on the role language plays in these debates. It endeavors to bring to light and question the impact of language in cognizing relations of identity and in stipulating the latter's constitutive elements. Furthermore, it will inquire into how an articulation of socio-political identity claims itself depends on bounded communities. Using an intercultural approach, this symposium would like to explore the advantages and challenges involved in thinking about identity through the prism of language.

Program:

09:00-09:15	Prof. Dr. Claudia Bickmann, Cologne/ Prof. Dr. Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach, Konstanz Introduction	14:00-14:45	Dr. Giovanni Morrone, Napels: Die methodologischen Bestimmungen der Identität. Das Beispiel der Sprache
9:15-10:00	Prof. Dr. Ram Adhar Mall, Jena: Anchoring 'tertium comparationis' beyond Relativism and Absolutism. An Intercultural Framework on the Concept of an 'Overlapping Identity'	14:45-15:30	Prof. Dr. Dieter Lohmar, Cologne: Language as Medium and Obstacle of Understanding – a Phenomenological View
		Coffee Break	
10:00-10:45	Prof. Dr. Geeta Ramana, Mumbai: Knowing Oneself, Pramana and Sabda Pramana Coffee Break	15:45-16:30	Jan Opracaj, M.A., Konstanz: Identität der (sprachlichen) Vernunft als Voraussetzung für Interkulturelle Philosophie? Richard Rortys Zweifel an einem philosophischen Großprojekt
11:00-11:45	Prof. Dr. Kwang Sun Joo, Pusan: Nagarjunas konstruktivistische Auffassung von der Identität	16:30-17:15	Prof. Dr. Joseph Prabhu, Los Angeles: Cross-Cultural Hermeneutics after Hegel
11:45-12:30	Prof. Dr. C. D. Sebastian, Mumbai: Two Identity Narratives of Classical India: The Buddhist Challenge to the Varna Vyavastha Lunch Break	17:15-17:30	Prof. Dr. Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach Konstanz: Closing Remarks

Registration:

Deadline for registration: 10th of November, 2012.

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Registration fee: none

