

**Kurzbeschreibung:**

The meaning of masculinity changes simultaneously with the cultural, social, political, as well as economic vicissitudes. What it means to be masculine is something always in flux, changing in relation to various contexts. Masculinity is never a clearly defined state. Two decades ago Patricia Sexton argued that "male norms stress values such as courage, inner direction, certain forms of aggression, autonomy, mastery, technological skill, group solidarity, adventure and considerable amounts of toughness in mind and body." Since then, research on masculinity has been changed and refined over the years. Especially, R. W. Connel's perspective on masculinity in the plural, "multiple masculinities," rather than one singular form, has become widely accepted as one of the most prominent approaches over the last decades.

In this seminar we will investigate the main concepts and questions concerning masculinities. Different theoretical perspectives on masculinity will be discussed from an interdisciplinary perspective. The focus will thereby be on the construction, interpretation, and meaning of different and multiple masculinities.

**Literatur:**

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