

Kurzbeschreibung:

What "love" means, and if this meaning is or not universal, are fiercely debated issues. How love and marriage should be attached together has been a major intellectual concern in the modernization process in Europe and elsewhere. Free-choice marriage based on romantic love is often considered as a sign of progress and modernity. The notion of "love" is also used to prove one's own humaneness, or to justify political choices. Frequently, radical political views and engagements are taken in the name of "love". In this seminar, we will come back to the theoretical and practical questions that the discourses and practices of "love" entail. For this, we will alternately focus on theoretical texts and on ethnographic research carried out in multiple human societies

Literatur: