



# Wednesday Seminars

SOMMERSEMESTER 2017

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*Living with an invisible chronic illness: body, conflicts and resistances*

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*and social care topics. She explored widely the topic of chronic illnesses experience and management.*

## ...kommende Termine

03.05.2017 **Peter Rohrbacher**  
**Wiener Völkerkunde in der NS-Zeit:  
Pater Wilhelm Koppers, 1938–1945**

10.05.2017 **Cindy Clark**  
**Two-eyed seeing: How age relativism adds to our understanding of ritual and enculturation**

**TUE 23.05.2017 Pamila Gupta**  
**Blue Johannesburg**  
in Kooperation mit dem Institut für Afrikawissenschaften

31.05.2017 **Sveta Yamin-Pasternak**  
**Gastronomy at Higher Latitudes:  
Lessons and Conversations with the Bering Strait Epicures**

Some chronic illnesses may not be visible to the gaze of others. Invisibility may result from mistaking a sick person for a healthy one whose appearance conforms to socially accepted ideas about the healthy body. Invisibility hides the experience of suffering, obscuring the situation of disability or dependency associated with many chronic illnesses, and the bodily constraints and consequent needs of sick persons.

Social and self-identity is grounded in social interaction, in the (re)presentation of the self through bodily performance. Drawing from ethnographic material from my dissertation research on the experience and management of chronicity in Catalonia (Spain), this communication will address the question of the social treatment of the body exploring the explanatory models of these ambiguous 'healthy-sick' bodies in order to shed light on how invisibly ill persons learn to cope with the paradoxical situations in which they find themselves.