



WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

29.11.2023, 17:00 Uhr, HS-C (and online)
IKSA, NIG, Universitätsstraße 7, 1010 Wien, 4. Stock

Anna Jabloner (Goethe University Frankfurt / Harvard University)
California: Histories of the Future at the Technological Frontier



Anna Jabloner is a cultural anthropologist and STS scholar. She holds a Mag.^aPhil. from the University of Vienna (2004) and Ph.D. from the University

of Chicago (2015), both in anthropology. Jabloner is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the DFG-funded project "Fixing Futures: Technologies of Anticipation in Contemporary Societies" at Goethe University Frankfurt and a guest professor at the University of Vienna.

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06.12.2023 Sarah Mazouz
The Unspoken and the Speakable: Race in a Colorblind Context

13.12.2023 Philipp Schorch
Indigenous Multiplicities: Collecting, Filming, Exhibiting

This talk presents an ethnography of US precision medicine infrastructure from the perspective of California. Precision medicine is grounded in the paradigm of genomics, the study of the totality of a person's genes. Genomics has long promised technological capacities to act upon the future by reading these bodily signals as clues about health, behavioral, and criminal trajectories. From the future-oriented world of California, I examine the epistemic and political project of applying genomics as an emerging medical-digital infrastructure and a social technology. A growing range of experts utilize genomic and other "-omic" technologies and imagine them as useful, even revolutionary, for managing different kinds of risk. These experts bring genomics to the market and render it relevant to individuals under the rubric of things being pending—provisional, and thus demanding action in the present. The talk resituates "futures pending" in a decolonial lens that connects genomic technologies with the technocratic mythologies of European settlers at the Californian frontier.

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