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## Centre for Minorities Research Seminar Series 2023

# Transformative embodiments: Disruption, affect and empathy in minority lives

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A dominant model of political theory relies on conceptualising those involved in politics as disembodied human beings who are capable of transcending differences introduced by/in their bodies. A focus on embodiment rekindles our attention to the ways in which contemporary societies can develop and engage in decision-making processes that are as inclusive and just as possible whilst acknowledging difference. We focus on disruption, affect and empathy in order to examine transformative embodiments vis-à-vis agency, power, inequality, violence and materiality.

This seminar invites us to reconsider the ways in which we conceptualise dis/emplacement, accessibility, inclusion, and exclusion through embodied practices and experiences of minorities. How do minorities position themselves in relationship to state/law/society by way of embodiment? How do they navigate different exclusions and produce different accessibilities to social justice? What role do these accessibilities play in processes of political claims? How do they create spaces for participation in societal and political life? We invite scholars working across disciplines on migration, colonialism, othering, diversity, and indigeneity beyond conventional text-centred interpretations, to explore the social, experiential, affective and relational dimensions of performative approaches. Focusing on the senses, new technologies, disability, dance, music, theatre, martial arts, sports events and legal proceedings, embodiment sheds light on the cracks where the experiential and collaborative aspects of social and political life emerge.

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**WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM (UK TIME)****Zoom Meeting**

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<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Michał Buchowski, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Othering and Racialization of Roma and Muslims in a Nation State</i>
<b>Leo Hopkinson</b> Durham University	19 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Death of a Coach: Movement, boxing and the politics of belonging in central Accra</i>
<b>Ursula Probst</b> Freie Universität Berlin	26 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Embodied negotiations of European East-West dichotomies: Migrant sex workers between belonging and exclusion in Berlin</i>
<b>Roujing Wu</b> Fujian Jiangxia University	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<i>The reappearance of the Baya</i>
<b>Renata Hryciuk</b> University of Warsaw	10 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>My fiesta dress: Corporeality of ethnographic research in Oaxaca (South Mexico)</i>
<b>Francesco Fanoli</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>A minority wrestling style: pours subjectivities and embodied frictions in Senegalese làmb</i>
<b>Victoria Miyandazi</b> University of St Andrews	24 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Overcoming Legal Blind Spots and “Othering”: The Intersection of Litigation and Advocacy for Legislative and Policy Changes in the 2020s</i>
<b>Kathrine van den Bogert</b> University of Utrecht	31 <sup>st</sup> May	<i>“I was looking for the Muslim woman and I found the cat”: Dutch Muslim youth online and offline activism in COVID times</i>
<b>Panas Karampampas</b> Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences, Athens	13 <sup>rd</sup> June	<i>Embodying belonging through lifestyle: Integration strategies and decision-making of Greek goth migrants in Germany</i>