

The Construction of the Self in Relation to Racism - Experiencing and Processing of Racialized Discourses and Practices by People of Color in Germany.

The project will focus on the construction and transformation of the Self in relation to racialized discourses and practices. This interest will be pursued by conducting biographical-narrative interviews with people who are stereotyped by racist discourses and therefore experience racism in their everyday life. The conducted interviews will be analyzed by using a reconstructive approach. Moreover this approach will be combined with discourse analysis.

The main question my project will focus on is what kind of racist experiences and discourses are of relevance in the life-stories of individuals. How are these experiences handled biographically, are they internalized or modified? Racist discourses are not independent of other discourses. Therefore the interconnection of racism with other mechanisms of exclusion and their influence on the respective biography will be considered. In addition the project will attempt to further the triangulation of biographical research and discourse analysis in order to enhance empirical research methodology.