

CRITICAL ISSUES IN CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

International lecture series

organized by the Centre for Social Theory (CST)

Ane Grubb, Aalborg University Copenhagen (DNK) – Friday October, 13 – 10.00AM-11.30AM

'Volunteerism on demand: an ethnographic study of virtual volunteering in an online based organization'



As a post-doctoral researcher at the Aalborg University Copenhagen, Ane Grubb's research focuses on the growing field of online volunteering and how this changing context influences the volunteering activities and inter-volunteer interaction. While volunteering is classically viewed as enhancing democratic values and participation, especially among young citizens, Ane Grubb argues that new forms of online participation may not succeed in such an endeavor. Digital mediation of the contact between volunteers and the target group can facilitate the service a voluntary organization wants to provide, yet it simultaneously delimits the amount of social contact between volunteers and target populations. In this lecture, she will focus on the interplay between ICT and institutional changes, and on how this interplay creates a form of volunteering that she coins as *'Program-based volunteering on-demand'*.

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Zainab Afshan Sheikh, University of Copenhagen (DNK) – Friday November, 10 – 13.00PM-14.30PM

'Beyond gut reactions: understanding donor perspectives on local and global blood and plasma use'



As a Ph.D. Candidate and assistant lecturer at the University of Copenhagen in the *'Centre for medical science and technology studies' (MeST)*, Zainab Sheikh's doctoral thesis is on the collection and use of biological material from Pakistan for genetic research. She has teaching experience in courses on health policy and qualitative methodology and philosophy of public health. Since the start of her research career, she authored and co-authored articles published in the renowned journals HEALTH and BioSocieties. Her work in the tradition and intellectual heritage of Science and Technology Studies (STS) is both enriching and inspiring. In this lecture, she will describe the interplay between cultural discourses, moral reasoning and *'Silenced uses'* in the international exchange of blood and plasma, based on fieldwork in Denmark.

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Greti-Iulia Ivana, Uppsala University (SVE) – Friday November, 24 – 13.00PM-14.30PM

'Social bonds, intersectionality and relational sociology: gaps and links'



As a post-doctoral researcher at Uppsala University in Sweden, Greti-Iulia Ivana treats the classic sociological theory on social capital within a framework of a digitalized environment. In her 2013 article, 'A postmodern panopticon: lateral surveillance on Facebook', she discussed how Romanian youths perform monitoring and strategic self-representation on Facebook. Turning to more theoretical sociology, she discussed Alfred Schütz's classic concept of 'the we-relation', expanded the theory on social capital from and beyond Bourdieu's objectivist theory of social capital, and published a theoretical paper on the work of Erving Goffman, titled, *'Face and the dynamics of its construction: a relational and multilayered perspective'*. In Ghent she will also present theoretically inspired and inspiring work, discussing different types of relationism and drawing on feminist literature on intersectionality and post-modern relationism.

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