

CfP ISA Panel: *Contested Subjects of Rights*

CfP für ein Panel zur Einreichung bei der ISA 2015 in New Orleans, mit dem Titel *Contested Subjects of Rights and the(ir) Struggles for Recognition*. Der Einsendeschluss für Abstracts (max. 200 Worte) ist nächsten Mittwoch, 28.05.2014.

Titel: Contested subjects of rights and the(ir) struggles for recognition

Abstract:

Struggles for individual rights have a long history in world politics. While rights are usually seen as instruments of emancipation and empowerment, the history of emergence of individual rights is also a story of exclusion. As Chris Reus-Smit points out: "Individuals have repeatedly asserted rights on the grounds that they are fully developed moral and political agents while simultaneously denying such status and rights to other human beings" (Reus-Smit 2013: 6). The struggle for and guarantee of rights to one group of subjects, thus, has always been accompanied by the production and exclusion of a rightless Other who is denied the status of a rights-bearer due to some assumed inherent quality - or lack thereof - that establishes individuals as worthy or unworthy of having rights.

This panel is interested in contested subjects of rights such as, traditionally, women, children, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples or non-citizens and, more recently, older persons, LGBTI* and animals, and the struggles for their recognition as rights-bearers. It invites papers investigating the (historical and/or contemporary) struggles of rightless Others or their advocates for inclusion in the community of rights-bearers, as well as the strategies which strengthen, challenge or modify the frontiers of the rights-bearing community.

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