

14.30 Panel Discussion:

**CARNIVAL OR CLASH OF CULTURES?  
GERMANY'S ROAD TO MULTICULTURALISM**

Prof Uwe-Jens Walther, Technical University of Berlin  
Burak Copur, Green Party, Chair of the Integration  
Committee, City of Essen

Filiz Genc, Gangway e.V.

Prof Yves Sintomer, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin  
Chair: Prof Hartmut Häußermann, Georg-Simmel-  
Centre for Metropolitan Studies, HU Berlin

Discussion with the audience

16.00 **Summary of the day and round-up of the conference**

Hugh Williamson, Financial Times

16.30 Closing remarks / conference ends

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**INFORMATION**

**Venue and Time**

Fr.26 Jan. 2007 (18.30 - 21.00)/Sa.27 Jan. 2007 (9.00 - 16.30)  
Senatssaal der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Unter den Linden 6, Berlin-Mitte

**Public Transport**

S-Bhf Friedrichstr. S1, S2, S25, S5, S7, S75; Tram 12 Universi-  
tätsstr., M1 Am Kupfergraben; Bus 100, 200, TXL, Staatsoper

**Conference Fee**

The conference fee is € 15,-/ € 8,- (reduced)

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**BANLIEUE EUROPA?**

**YOUTH DISTURBANCES – CITIES – MIGRATION**



**CONFERENCE**

**26TH/27TH JANUARY 2007 (Friday/Saturday)**  
**SENATSSAAL DER HUMBOLT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN**



## **BANLIEUE EUROPA? YOUTH DISTURBANCES – CITIES – MIGRATION**

“Émeutes” in France in 2005, “riots” in Northern England in 2001 – violent disturbances by youth from ethnic backgrounds appear to be characteristic for multicultural societies. Those incidents evoke a “djà-vu” – France and Britain have experienced disturbances before. In both countries such riots often motivate re-evaluation of current interpretations of the concepts of “nation”, “community” and “integration”: Sometimes the evolving discourses question “multiculturalism” in general as well as the success of specific liberal policies for integration and diversity. On the other hand, these debates are also used to constructively analyse and re-adjust existing policies as well as to design new programmes.

Up to now, there have not been any such upheavals in Germany. This seems ironic because Germany considers itself a multicultural society to a much lesser extent than the other two countries. In addition, it arguably has a shorter track record in the development and implementation of specific policies. Is it mere coincidence that the streets are not burning in Germany?

The European conference “Banlieue Europe?” comparatively examines the connections between exclusion (especially of young people), spatial structures, integration policies and youth cultures in France, the United Kingdom and Germany. Which were the crucial catalysts that caused youth to erupt into violence: scarce educational and job opportunities, lack of contact between different communities, poverty and spatial exclusion or rivalry between youth gangs? What were the consequences of these events on state policies? What are young people’s views on conflicts in their neighbourhoods and their personal lives?

This two-day conference intends to contribute to a mutual learning process: Participants from all countries are invited to create an informal network for an exchange of thoughts on how

to cope with „banlieues“ in the future. The event will be particularly interesting for German participants since it will provide insight and stimulation for Germany’s own spatial and integration policies.

This conference is jointly organised by the Georg-Simmel-Centre for Metropolitan Studies Berlin, the Heinrich Böll Foundation in and the British Council Germany.

### **FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2007**

#### **16.00 TRILATERAL HIGH TEA**

Informal networking event for speakers, organised by the British Council at the “Tajik Tea-Room” next to Humboldt University. (Tadschikische Teestube, Palais am Festungsgraben, Am Festungsgraben 1)  
Food and drinks will be served.  
(ends at 18.30; speakers will then walk over to Humboldt University together)

18.30 Registration

#### **19.00 Welcome address**

**Prof Hartmut Häußermann**, Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt University Berlin, Georg-Simmel-Centre for Metropolitan Studies  
**Ralf Fücks**, Heinrich Böll Foundation  
**Michael Bird**, OBE, British Council Germany

#### **19.30 Keynotes addresses**

**Dr Engelbert Lütke Daldrup**, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs  
**Cem Özdemir MdEP**, MEP, European Green Party in the European Parliament

Discussion with the audience

**21.00 Reception in the foyer of the Humboldt University**

### **SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2007**

9.00 Registration

9.30 Panel Discussion

#### **ÉGALITÉ SANS FRATERNITÉ? Émeutes and French Integration Policies**

**Prof Didier Lapeyronnie**, Université Victor Segalen-Bordeaux

**François Pupponi**, Mayor, Sarcelles

**Mohamed Mechmache**, AC LE FEU

**Dr Carsten Keller**, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

Chair: **Bernard Bensoussan**, Voix Publiques Paris

Discussion with the audience

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Panel Discussion

#### **COMMUNITY COHESION OR ETHNIC SEGREGATION?**

##### **Outlooks on Multicultural Politics in Britain**

**Prof Ted Cante**, Improvement and Development Agency for local government

**Mike Waite**, Burnley Borough Council

**Zohra Khaku**, Muslim Youth Helpline

Chair: **Hugh Williamson**, Financial Times

Discussion with the audience

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Presentation

#### **URBAN RECONQUEST AND THE DANGER OF URBAN FISSION IN AMSTERDAM AND ROTTERDAM**

**Prof Godfried Engbersen**, Erasmus University Rotterdam