

Zygmunt Bauman called the 20th century the "century of the camps." This designation also applies to the first decades of the current millennium. There are still forced labor and refugee camps, military camps and camps for prisoners of war. The radical exclusion practiced by earlier forced labor and in the extreme in concentration camps is still found in camps today, albeit in other ways.

Camps are established for very different reasons. An important question to be addressed in this workshop is that of the commonalities and differences among them.

Camps create a highly structured spatial order of exclusion but also determine to a large extent the materiality of internees' lives. Camp administrators strive to de-individualize incarcerated people. Material barriers limit their freedom of choice. Partitioning of space and control structures are among the best-known characteristics of camps, but the control of access to everyday things deserves equal attention.

The aim of the conference is to examine the materiality of camps as a central element of exclusionary practices both in the past and present. The conference will also address the possibilities and limits of comparability, both diachronic and synchronic.

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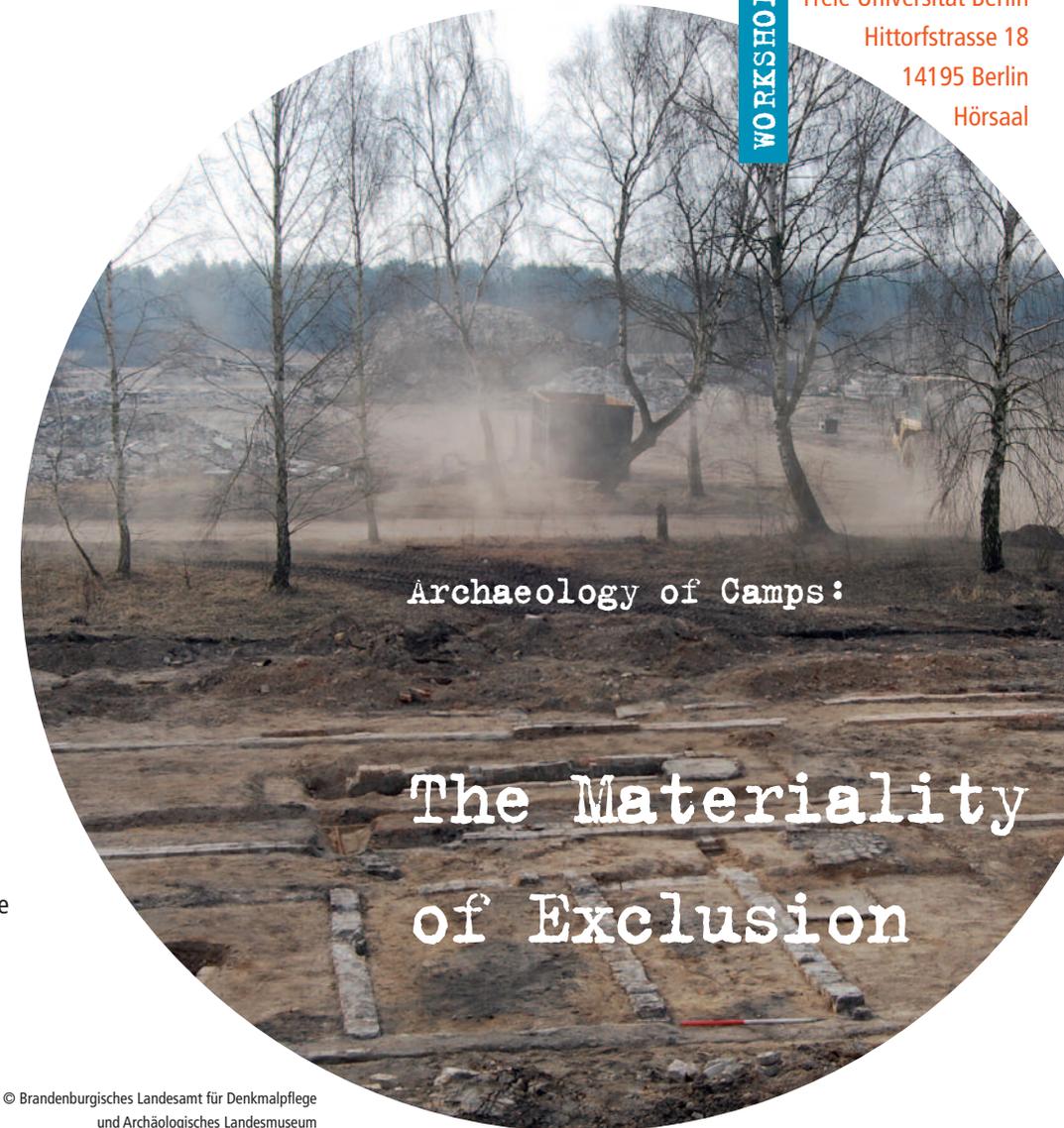
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ARCHAEOLOGY OF CAMPS: THE MATERIALITY OF EXCLUSION

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22. May 2022

16 h Opportunity to visit the
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(registration: bildung-sw@topographie.de)

23. May 2022

9 – 13 h Session 1 – Past internment camps, present refugee camps

Laura Muñoz-Encinar: Beyond the fences: The materiality of Franco's concentration camps in Spain

Michael Landolt and Juliette Brangé: Archaeology of World War Two Internment Camps in France

Koji Lau-Ozawa: The material structures of Japanese-American incarceration

Sophia Hoffmann: From Zaatari to Azraq: A comparison of two contemporary camps for Syrians in Jordan

Rui Gomes Coelho: Ecologies of forced migration and resistance in the Plantationocene

14 – 18 h Session 2 – What do camps for the preparation of war share with internment camps?

Christine Glauning: Forced labour camps during WW II in the 'Reichshauptstadt' Berlin and forms of reuse and remembrance after the war

Ulrike Kersting: Housing and treatment of sick forced laborers by the Berlin health services

Kathrin Misterek and Judith Stern: Nazi forced labor camps at Tempelhof

David Vine: If you build them, wars will come: how foreign military bases fuel war and empire

Catherine Lutz: Vectors of harm across the fence-line of military camps

24. May 2022

9 – 13 h Session 3 – Systems of power, systems of camps, and their materialities

Thomas Kersting: Materiality and people – archaeology of NS-camps

Barbara Hausmair: Destructive industries: a landscape-archaeological approach towards Nazi concentration and forced labour camps

Reinhard Bernbeck: An apparatus for removal: Camp systems, transport and the materiality of disappearance

Annett Bochmann: Materiality, power and practices: Perspectives from refugee camps in the global South

Yannis Hamilakis: Understanding the "worst camp on earth": The "hotspot" of Moria, Lesbos

14 – 17 h Session 4 – Issues of comparison

Caroline Sturdy Colls: "To the East": Materialities of exclusion, deception and annihilation in the Aktion Reinhard camps

Cornelia Siebeck: Creating Material Evidence of an "Unresolved Past": Memory Activism around Former Nazi Concentration Camps in West Germany

Susan Pollock: Comparisons: Practical, theoretical, and ethical issues

Please register by sending an email to Mr. Lennard Schönberg (jermaines93@zedat.fu-berlin.de).

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