

Mobilities, Knowledges, Politics



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‘Globalization from Below? Localized Transformations in a Northern Perspective’ Open Workshop

Tromsø, Sommarøy, Norway
25. – 29. April 2005

Faculty of Social Science, University of Tromsø

Final Programme

This open workshop is part of the Norwegian Research Council funded research project ‘Globalization from Below? Localized Transformations in a Northern Perspective’¹, coordinated by the Department of Planning and Community Studies. Invited participants are researchers and PhD-students working on related topics.

Scientific basis

The theme of the workshop is meant to challenge the way social science has tended to think of livelihood, knowledge and politics as territorially bounded. People connect at a distance via technologies, including those of travel. Knowledge is performed bodily and installs ways of doing things, but knowledge also flow around in books, papers and web sites.

Facing globalization, glocalisation, global complexity and the like, a crucial challenge is to discuss what are the kinds of obligations and systems performed in various kinds of travels and meetings (of bodies, objects, images, messages)? Second, how is *our* knowledge production involved with mobility, in communication, research and dissemination? Thirdly, when territorial sovereignty of states in their various forms is getting problematic, how are people then associated with one another to perform collective action, ethnicities, common interests etc?

Although stated in three distinct, not yet so precise, questions, we anticipate that mobilities, knowledges and politics will *not* fall into different compartments, thus meaning that participants are supposed to be interested in all of the three. Finally, how are these challenges met by the various philosophies of sciences and the methods we practice, should they be adjusted, and how do we move methods?

Lecturers

- **John Urry**, Professor, Department of Sociology, Lancaster University, and co-director of CeMoRe
- **Geraldine Pratt**, Professor, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia.
- **Jonathan Friedman**, Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lund University.
- **Karl Benediktsson**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Iceland.
- **Gry Paulgaard**, Associate Professor, Department of Pedagogic, University of Tromsø.
- **Torill Nyseth**, Associate Professor, Dep. of Planning and Community Studies, University of Tromsø.
- **Willy Guneriussen**, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Tromsø.
- **Jørgen Ole Bærenholdt**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and International Development Studies, Roskilde University – *scientific coordinator for the workshop.*

Programme

Monday 25. April

18:00	Chartered bus from the University of Tromsø, Breivika Campus
19:00 - 20:00	Arrival at Sommarøy, check in at the hotel
20:00 – 21:00	DINNER

Tuesday 26. April

09:00 – 09:15	Welcome, by Pro-rector at the University of Tromsø, Gerd Bjørhovde
09:15 – 10:30	Jonathan Friedman: Opening key note lecture, (title not yet given)
10:30 – 10:45	COFFEE
10:45 – 11:00	Introduction to the program, by Jørgen Ole Bærenholdt
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation of participants
11:30 – 13:00	Group discussion I, based on issues raised in texts suggested by Jonathan Friedman
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 14:45	Plenary debate based on the text, with the author
14:45 – 16:00	Gry Paulgaard: <i>Constructing uniqueness in a global world. Young people in a Northern setting</i>
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE
16:30 – 16:45	Introduction to group discussions on participants’ papers, by Jørgen Ole Bærenholdt
16:45 – 18:45	Group discussion II, based on participants’ papers (parallel groups)
18:45 – 19:00	Sum up of the day, by Jørgen Ole Bærenholdt
20:00 – 21:00	DINNER
21:00	Informal get together

¹ The illustration on the front page is a photomontage made by the Norwegian visual artist Arvid Sveen, living in Tromsø. The montage is especially made for the research project ‘Globalization from Below? Localized Transformations in a Northern Perspective’, pointing to aspects of local-global interplay, taking place in these times of glocalization. The montage is based on pictures taken in Rotterdam and in Lofoten, Norway.

Wednesday 27. April

09:00 – 10:15	Geraldine Pratt: <i>Transnational organising of Filipino Canadian youth in light of Agamben's theorising about sovereignty</i>
10:15 – 10:30	COFFEE
10:30 – 12:00	Group discussion III, based on issues raised in text (not yet decided) by Geraldine Pratt
12:00 – 12:45	Plenary debate based on the text, with the author
12:45 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:15	Torill Nyseth: <i>What's at stake? Globalization and traditional concepts of democracy</i>
15:45	Excursion; departure
19:00 – 20:30	DINNER

Thursday 28. April

09:00 – 10:15	Karl Benediktsson: <i>De/centred knowledges? Experimenting with local reinvention</i>
10:15 – 10:45	COFFEE
10:45 – 12:45	Group discussion IV, based on participants' papers (parallel groups)
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH
13:45 – 15:00	Jørgen Ole Bærenholdt: <i>The Ambivalence of Nordicity</i>
15:00 – 15:15	COFFEE
15:15 – 16:30	Willy Guneriussen: <i>Society – structure or stream? Coping with conceptual change in the age of globalization</i>
16:30 – 18:30	Group discussion V, based on participants' papers (parallel groups)
18:30 – 18:45	Sum up of the day, by Torill Nyseth
20:00 – 21:00	CONCLUDING DINNER
21:00	Local entertainment

Friday 29. April

09:00 – 10:15	John Urry: <i>Mobility Systems</i>
10:15 – 10:30	COFFEE
10:30 – 12:00	Group discussion VI, based on issues raised in text (not yet decided) by John Urry
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH
13:00 – 14:00	Plenary debate based on the text, with the author
14:00 – 14:30	Concluding sum up of the workshop, by Jonathan Friedman
15:00	Chartered bus from Sommarøy
16:00	Arrival at Tromsø Airport
16:15	Arrival Tromsø
20:00	DINNER in Tromsø for invited lecturers travelling from abroad, also open for other participants

