Reading Theory: Kolloquium für fortgeschrittene Masterstudierende, Doktoranden und Postdoktoranden

(Wed. 6-8 pm; Room: Rote Kaserne 011; Prof. Dr. Stella Butter)

This colloquium offers a relaxed environment for discussing new research in cultural and literary theory. It aims to promote lively exchange between faculty members, post/doctoral students, and advanced master students on latest developments in the field. Participants are also encouraged to present their current research project. The first sessions of this colloquium will concentrate on the topic “communal bodies: theories and debates”. We will begin our inquiry with Michel Foucault’s concept of biopolitics before moving on to texts that critically engage with the rise of ‘the quantified self’ in the 21st century, i.e. a self primarily concerned with the collecting and sharing of personal data. A specific aesthetic perspective is introduced by our discussion of Caroline Levine’s recent work on aesthetic forms (Forms: Whole, Rhythm, Hierarchy, Network, 2015). Further texts and topics will be decided together on the basis of shared interests. Members or students from other disciplines (e.g. German Studies, Romance Studies, Philosophy, Political Science) are welcome to join the sessions. The course language is English and German. (The first session will take place on Wed., 18th Oct. 2017.)

Registration: IPZ-members are kindly asked to register for this colloquium by sending an email to butter@uni-landau.de.