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Impartiality and the Internet

Round Table with Anita Traninger,
Einstein Junior Fellow at the Freie Universität Berlin

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Impartiality and the Internet

To some, impartiality means abstaining from judgement; to others, a certain quality of a judgement. The concept emerged in the seventeenth century as a significant value in different spheres of society. It was sustained by the philosophy of Leibniz and Kant. Today Kant has more than 40.000 “likes” on Facebook. However, “liking” or “trolling” on the web 2.0 points towards an emerging culture of debate that is more given to an over-simplified judgement and heated comment than to an engagement with and the discussion of dissenting views.

How has the idea of impartiality changed with the emergence of the Internet? Is impartiality as an editorial judgement more and more replaced by the idea of free availability of information? What does and should impartiality mean in the context of social media?

Panel Participants

Dominique Cardon, sociologist, laboratory of uses of France Télécom R&D, expert on social media and the public sphere

Antonio A. Casilli, Associate Professor in Digital Humanities at Télécom ParisTech with specialization on computer-mediated communication and politics

Michael Fleischhacker, journalist and author (“Politikerbeschimpfung. Das Ende der 2. Republik“)

Markus Hesselmann, editor-in-chief online, “Der Tagesspiegel“

The round table will be introduced and chaired by **Anita Traninger**.

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Anita Traninger

Anita Traninger is Einstein Junior Fellow at Freie Universität Berlin, where she teaches Romance and Comparative Literature with a focus on rhetoric and the history of knowledge. Before joining Freie Universität in 2004, she was Managing Director of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna. She is the director of two multi-annual research projects in Berlin, one on the genealogy of impartiality as a scholarly ideal and one on the 'question' as an epistemic genre.

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