

»Do numbers make sense of the world or do they make a world that makes sense?«

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Workshop

Numbers

Empirical Stories and Analytical Framings

September 20/21 2012

Building FNO 02/11

Program

Organised by Mercator Research Group »Spaces of Anthropological Knowledge«
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Thursday 20 September 2012, FNO 02/11

Introduction by Helen Verran & Estrid Sørensen

9:30-12:15 Numbers generating Knowledge

1. Retrieving the story of a quantitative social science paper: seeing numbers' ordering work
Estrid Sørensen, Bochum & Helen Verran, Melbourne
2. Thick numbers and tentative connections – When risk computations travel
Susanne Bauer, Frankfurt
3. Rummaging through data: Secondary analysis as a knowledge practice
Radhika Gorur, Melbourne

11:00 Tea and coffee

12:15 – 13:45 Numbers doing Malaria

1. Numbering malaria, performing public
Uli Beisel, Halle-Wittenberg
2. Malaria indicators in two countries – Kenya and Tanzania
Rene Gerrets, Amsterdam

13:45 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 Numbers doing Selves

1. Self-tracking as a vehicle for personal change
Lasse Meinert Jensen, Copenhagen
2. Living by numbers – Young old's use of measurement technologies in the Danish provinces
Bjarke Oxlund, Copenhagen

16:30 Tea and coffee

16:30 – 18:00 Numbers doing Politics

1. Counting the dead and accounting for them
Martina Kolanoski & Thomas Scheffer, Berlin
2. Counting heads, cutting heads – a note on the politics of polling
Endre Dányi, Frankfurt/Main

Round-up comment by Helen Verran

19:30 Dinner at the Chianti Restaurant

Friday 21 September 2012, FNO 02/11

9:00 – 11:45 Numbers doing Organizations/Organizations doing Numbers

1. Giving an age-rating to a computer game: How is it done? What does it do?

Jan Schank, Bochum

2. The office: The weakness of numbers and the production of non-authority

Kristin Asdal, Oslo

3. How do organizations make sense of numbers?

Matthias Hahn, Hannover

10:30 Tea and coffee

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Which Numbers Where?

1. Numbers and the enterprise of investigating psychiatric care practices

Milena Bister, Berlin

2. Accountability in Practice: An ethnographic study of evaluation research in Afghanistan

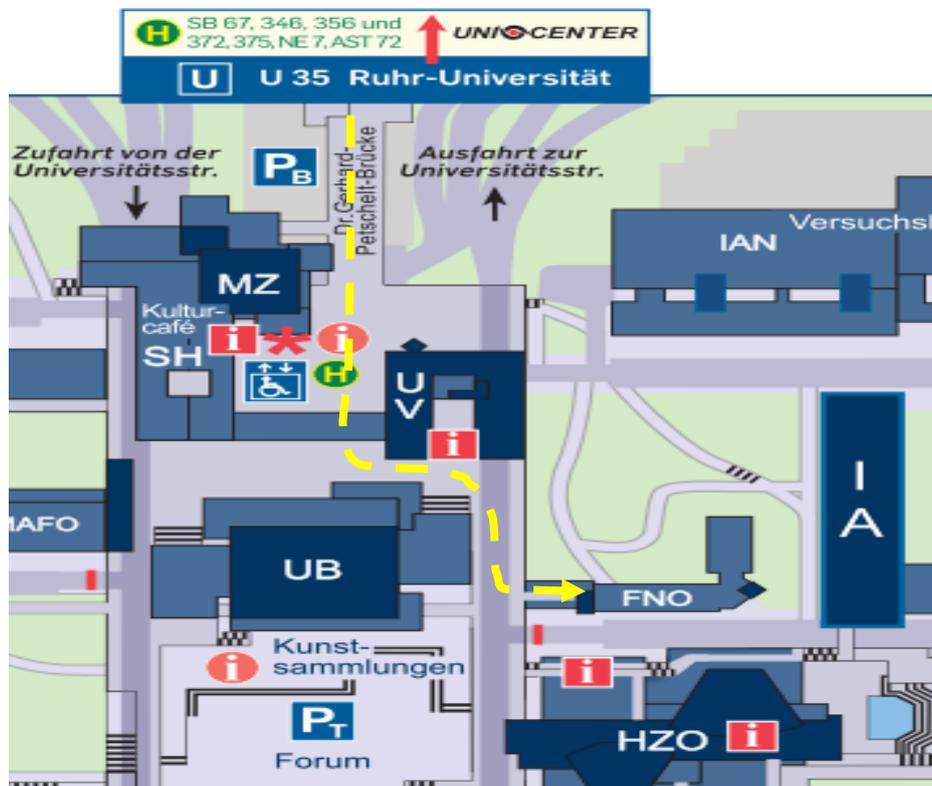
Tjitske Holtrop, Amsterdam

14:30 Tea and coffee

15:00 – 16:00 Round-up Discussion



To get to the venue take the U35 Underground from Bochum Hauptbahnhof to Hustadt and get off at the Ruhr-Universität. From here, follow the yellow line on the map below. The Workshop will be in the ground floor of the FNO building, in room FNO 02/11.



Thursday evening dinner will be at *Restaurant Chianti*, Buscheyplatz 13, 44801 Bochum,

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