



Einladung

zu einem Gastvortrag von Frau

Prof. Dr. Moira Fradinger

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zum Thema

„Comparative Approaches from the South:
The Case of Antigone in Latin America“

am Montag, dem 11. Juni 2018, um 16.45 Uhr

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Univ.-Prof. Dr. Norbert Bachleitner

“Our Greece is preferable to a Greece that is not ours” wrote Cuban independence hero José Martí in his famous text *Our America* (1891). This phrase could be rewritten to describe the intense creativity with which Latin Americans have imagined Antigone since the times of independence: In her book “Our Antígona is preferable to an Antigone that is not ours” Moira Fradinger offers a comparative approach that considers South-South dialogues in order to study the incredible number of Latin American re-writings of the play, thus constructing a Latin American corpus with its own specific internal dynamics. The shift from a paradigm of ‘reception’ to a paradigm of ‘tradition’ allowed by a vision of the total corpus yields surprising results in terms of plot and character innovations. In this talk she will engage questions of comparative methods as well as a peculiar feature appearing with insistence throughout the continent in the re-writing of Antigone: at first the character of Antigone is recast as a mother, or a multiplicity of mothers, transforming motherhood into a political metaphor, and as we reach the 21st century it becomes a multiplicity of women, or female collectives. The lecture will focus on examples from Argentina, Haiti, Brazil, Perú, Mexico, Uruguay, Colombia and Chile.