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'From Water to Water': Practices for Maneuvering the Ever-Changing World of the Parnaíba Delta (Brazil)

In Northeast Brazil, between the States of Piauí and Maranhão, a labyrinth of fresh and salt waterways with more than seventy islands of different sizes and shapes forms an area commonly known as the Parnaíba Delta. In-between the *terra firme* and the open sea, in-between land and water, life on the deltaic islands unfolds amidst manifold movements: sediments create new islands, tides wash away shores, sand dunes pour over waterways and migrating fish appear and disappear. Many of these movements are highly volatile, they are abrupt and largely unpredictable. Drawing on ethnographic research in deltaic villages, this presentation focuses on everyday practices through which delta inhabitants attempt both to stay with the flow and to create ordering and constancy. Although these attempts may fail at times, delta inhabitants do not consider volatile changes as disruptive of normal life. Rather, changes are inherent to how their world works and not only bring about challenges but also possibilities for those knowing how to negotiate, creatively maneuver through and playfully engage with this ever transforming world.

Das Kolloquium findet im Sommersemester 2021 online über Zoom statt.

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