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Mapping Indigeneities in the 21st Century

Thirteen years after the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007, Indigenous stakeholders act as global players in arenas such as the UN Convention on Climate Change, the Dakota Access pipeline in the USA, and the Humboldt Forum in Berlin. Yet, until the 1960s, anthropological inquiries considered the same people as 'vanishing' and doomed to disappear. The so-called Indigenous renaissance presents a remarkable phenomenon of late (post)modernity. How can this surprising process be understood and explained? The objective of the project 'Indigeneities in the 21st century' is to study how Indigenous actors have evolved from 'vanishing people' to global players. While the label 'Indigeneity' circulates globally, it is also defined as a place-based marker of identity. This project breaks new ground by incorporating both dimensions – global circulation and local experience – in a common framework. It does so by studying entangled Indigeneities as transregional and transcultural formations along the transpacific intersections between North and South America, Australia and the South Pacific. In this presentation, we map Indigeneities in the 21st century in a double sense. Conceptually, we map out the overall project that deploys and investigates a set of knowledge practices - collecting, filming, exhibiting - through which Indigenous multiplicities become constituted. Methodologically, we map out how the production of knowledge about particular Indigeneities, such as Rapanui and Sāmoa, requires the synthesising of a broad range of ethnographic sources - archival, material, virtual - that are globally dispersed and fragmented in multiple localities and institutions: from Manu'a and Manono to Berlin, from Rapa Nui to Bavaria.

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