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Just police work

Ethnographic research on the police in Africa

JGU Mainz

Research project: Boundary work. Police in West Africa

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12 - 15 June
2013

Wednesday, 12 June (location: red Infobox)

Arrival in Mainz

16:00 - 17:00

Registration

17:00 - 17:30

Welcome and introduction to the workshop

Carola Lentz (Mainz)

17:30 - 19:00

Keynote lecture: Klaus Schlichte (Bremen): Policing between global history and local peculiarities

20:00

Dinner at the restaurant 'Zur Ludwigsbahn' (Mainzer Strasse 62, 55124 Mainz-Gonsenheim)

Thursday, 13 June (Infobox)

9:30 - 10:00

Introduction to the workshop (Jan Beek, Mirco Göpfert)

10:00 - 12:00

Session 1

'Fragmented police – transnational, political, normative, and military sediments in the police' (Discussant: Klaus Schlichte, Mod. Thomas Bierschenk)

- Lisa Peth (Mainz): Everyday police work in the face of normative pluralism (Parakou, Benin)
- Mamoudou Sy (Dakar/Amsterdam): Senegalese police forces and the management of pre-electoral crisis (from June 23 to March 25). Are Senegalese policemen professional or professional killers?
- Laura Thurmman (Mainz): Somewhere between green and blue. A special police unit in the DR Congo

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:30

Afternoon lecture with discussion

Joel Glasman (Berlin): The historicity of police work. Fitting the past into police studies

15:00 - 16:30

Session 2

'Police work as a job. Careers within and outside the police' (Discussant: Alice Hills, Mod. Julia Eckert)

- Agnès Badou (Parakou): In search of the stripes. The police profession at the test of internal promotion / A la recherche des galons. La profession policière à l'épreuve de la promotion interne

- Tessa Diphorn (Utrecht/Istanbul): Moonlighting. Crossing the public-private policing divide in Durban, South Africa

Friday, 14 June (Infobox)

9:30 - 12:00

Session 3

'Police legitimacy. "Just" police work?' (Discussant: Julia Eckert, Mod. Klaus Schlichte)

- Jan Beek (Mainz): Money, morals and law. Police patrols in Ghana
- Mirco Göpfert (Mainz): Arrangements. Police work as moral work.
- Helene Maria Kyed (Danish Institute for International Studies): Inside the Police Stations in Maputo City – between illegality and legitimacy
- David Pratten (Oxford): Punishment & personhood

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Afternoon lecture with discussion

Alice Hills (Durham): The question of policeness: The applicability of Western concept in police research

14:30 - 16:30

Session 4

'Everyday interactions. Using the police' (Discussant: David Pratten, Mod. Helene Kyed)

- Sarah Biecker (Bremen): The everyday life of the Ugandan Police Force
- Julia Eckert (Bern): In the police station
- Olly Owen (Oxford): Policing Nigeria. States of informality

18:00 - 19:30

Guided tour through town (optional)

Saturday, 15 June (Infobox)

9:30 - 11:00

Morning lecture with discussion

Thomas Bierschenk (Mainz): Police and the state

11:00 - 12:00

Final discussion

How to get there...

From Frankfurt/Main airport to Mainz

From the Frankfurt/Main airport you will take a train to Mainz central station ("Hauptbahnhof"). The train station ("Regionalbahnhof") is right beneath Terminal 1. You can take a regional train (S-Bahn line S8; RE; RB) or a long-distance train (EC, ICE, IC).

duration: 30-40 minutes

ticket price: €4-8 (depending on the train)

For schedule information see www.bahn.com

From Mainz central station ("Hauptbahnhof") to University ("Universität")

Mainz University is close to the main station, and easy to reach: University campus is within a 15-minute walking distance (follow Bingerstraße and Saarstraße).

...by Bus

All buses leaving from the platform F (to your right hand as you leave the station building) pass the university within two stops.

Preferably take the bus number 90 direction Lerchenberg, 6/6A direction Marienborn/Bretzenheim or 69 direction "Universität" and get off at "Universität". Other possible bus lines from the central railway station to the university (Bus stop "Universität") are: 9, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 64, 65, 68, 91.

The best option is to purchase the ticket from the bus driver by telling him your destination.

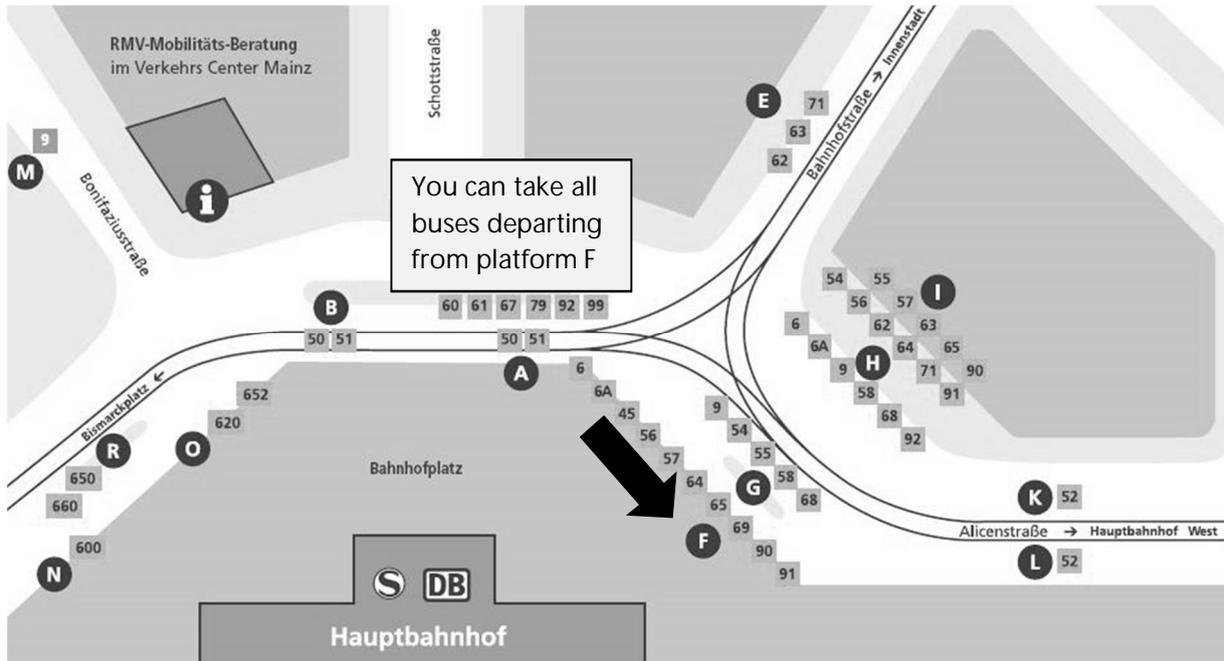
On the bus platforms F and G you will find ticket machines: here you can purchase a "Sammelkarte" (5 travels = 10 €) or a „Kurzstrecke“ ticket (1 travel = 1,60€, max. 3 bus stops – it is only two stops to the university campus).

From Mainz central station ("Hauptbahnhof") to Hotel Römerstein

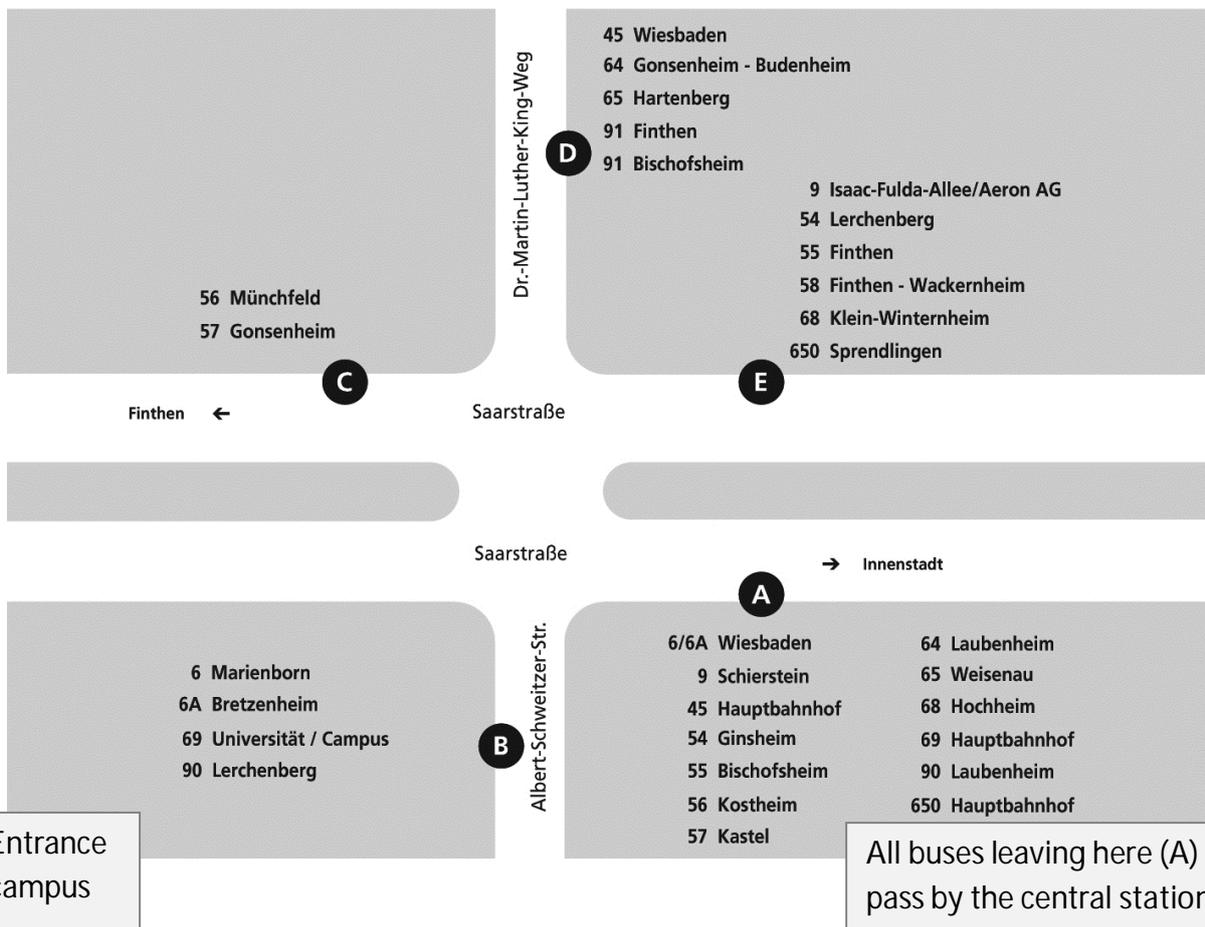
You take the bus number 6, 6A or 90 from platform F. The bus stop closest to the hotel is "Backhaushohl" – the fourth from the train station; a single ticket costs 2,60€. Or you take a taxi. Fare to the hotel is about 10 €.

Bus stops

at the central railway station ("Hauptbahnhof")



at the University ("Universität")



Accommodation

Hotel Römerstein

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55128 Mainz

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<http://www.hotel-roemerstein.de>

How to get to the Workshop Venue

From the Römerstein Hotel (A) to the University / Workshop Venue (B)

About 20 minutes walking distance, 1,6 km.

Departure / From Römerstein Hotel to the Airport

From the Römerstein Hotel to the Hauptbahnhof / Main Railway Station by Bus

Bus stop Backhaushohl: Bus number 6/6A; 69; 90

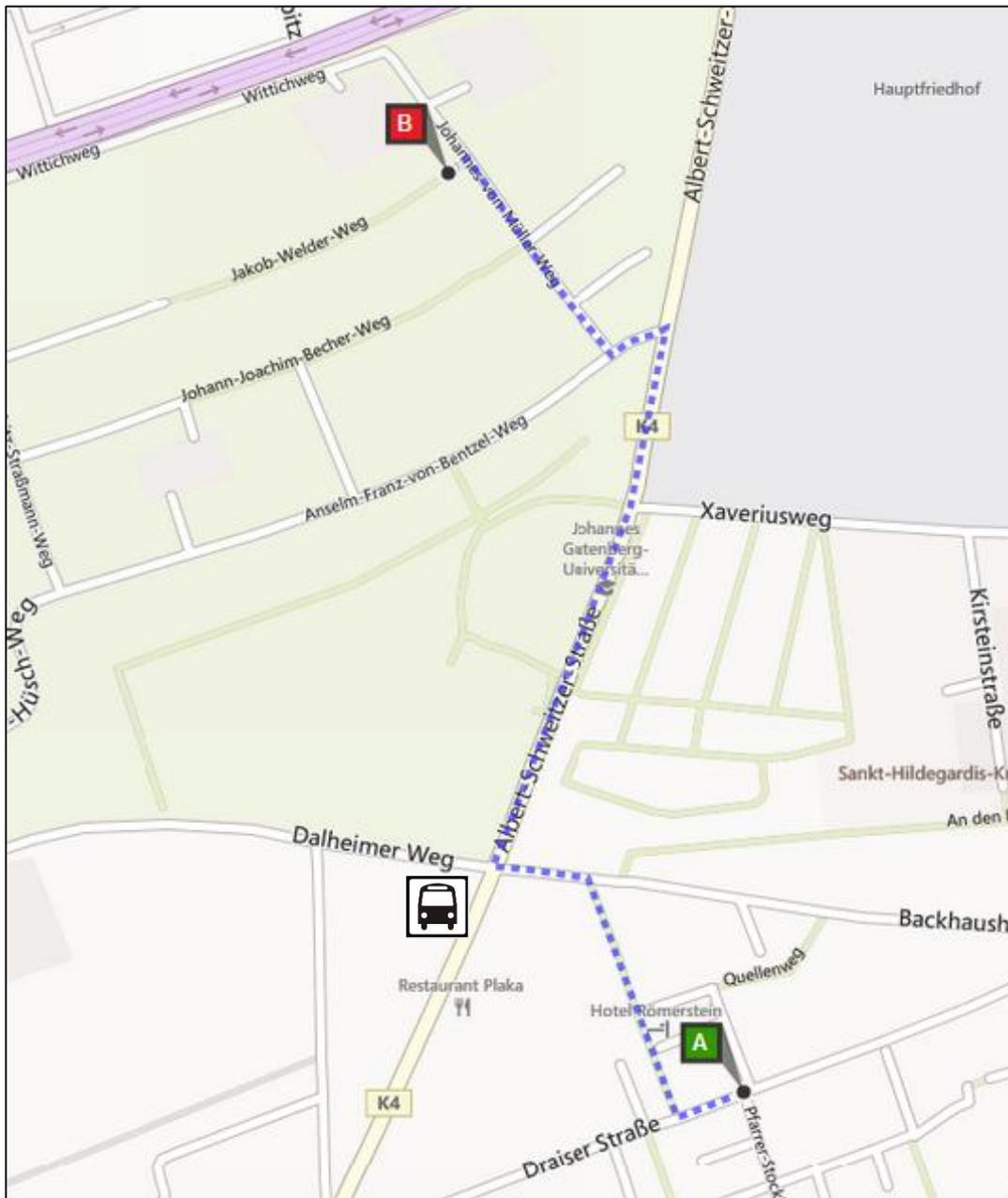
Or you call a taxi (061 31 / 910 910). Fare to main station is about 10 €.

From Mainz Main Railway Station to Frankfurt Main Airport by Train

From the main railway station / Hauptbahnhof take either the "S-Bahn" S-8 or a regional train (named "RB" or "RE") passing through Frankfurt / Flughafen.

A ticket from Mainz Hauptbahnhof to Frankfurt / Flughafen costs about 4 €.

Or call a taxi (06131 / 910 910). Fare from Römerstein Hotel to the airport is about 45 €.



A – Hotel Römerstein

B – Workshop venue (red Infobox)

 Bus station "Backhaushohl"

Contact information

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you need assistance of any sort.

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