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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 Thurmann (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 Diphoorn (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](http://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.

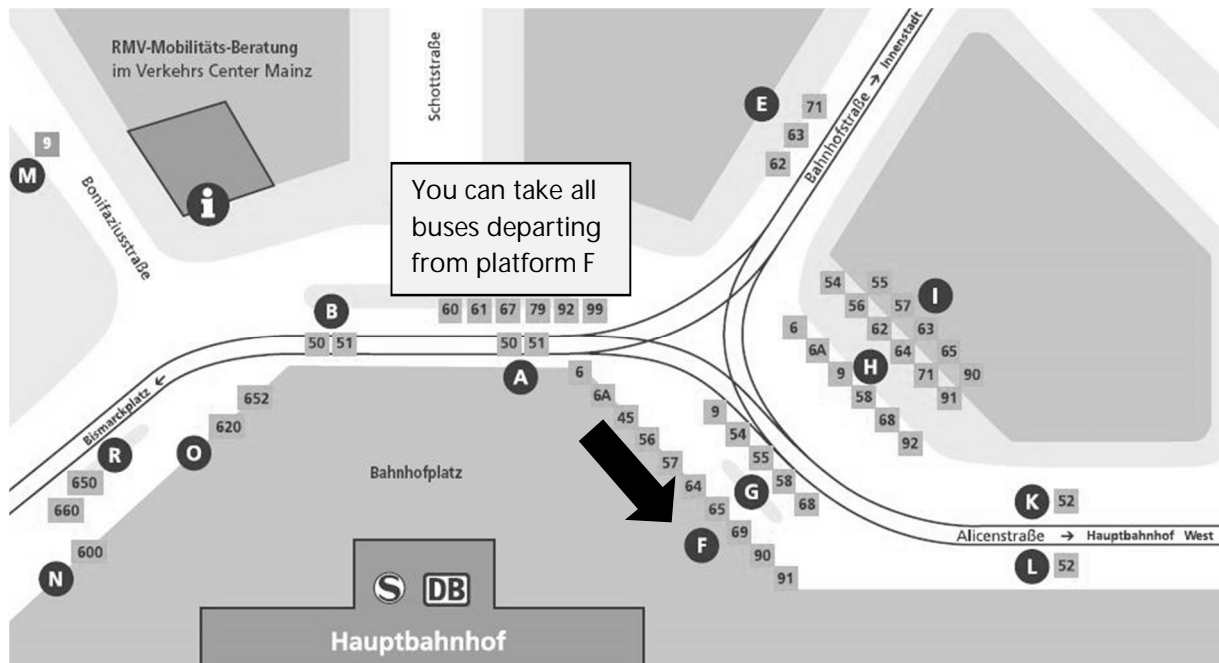
The best option is to purchase the ticket from the bus driver by telling him your destination.

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).

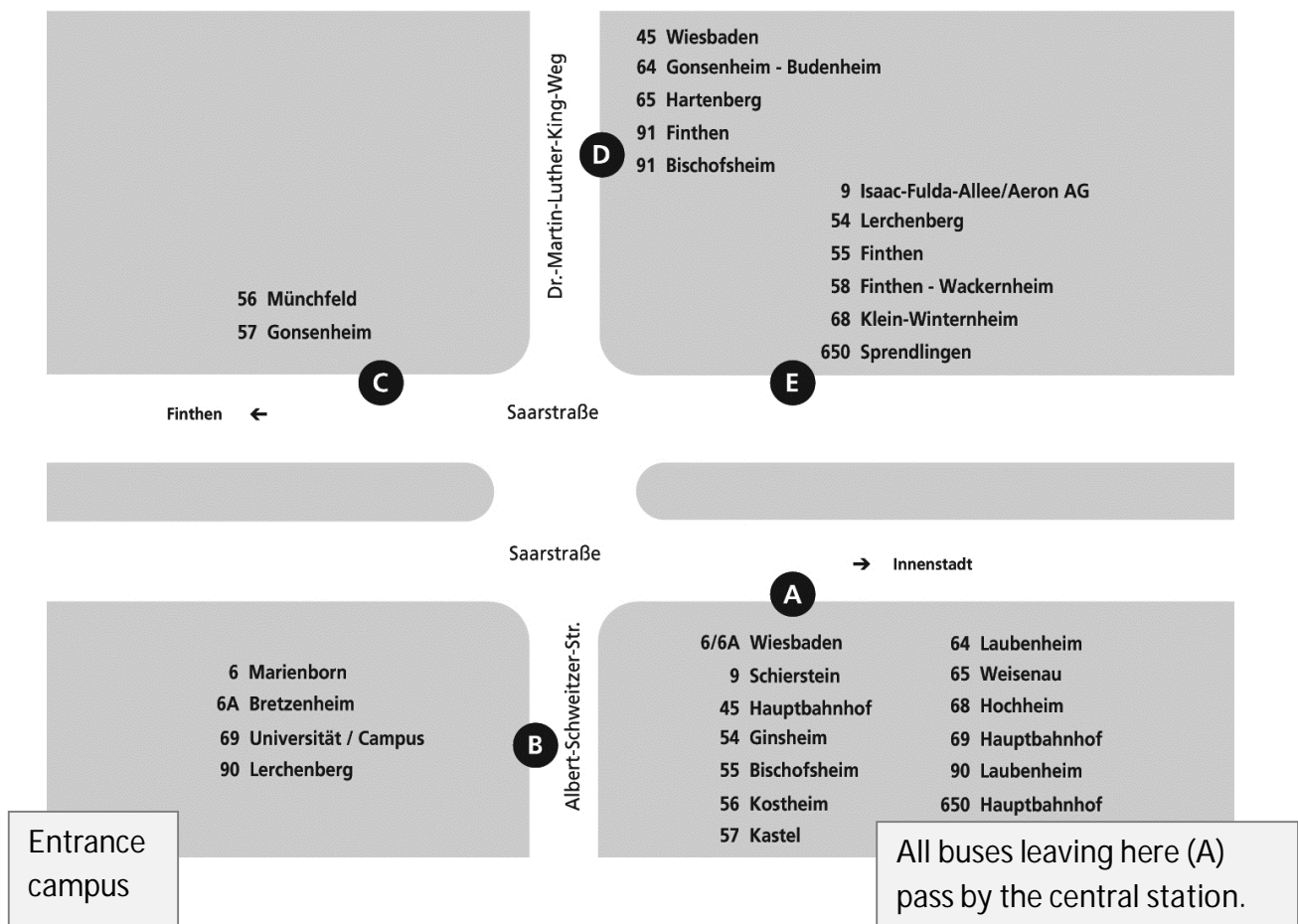
### From Mainz central station ("Hauptbahnhof") to Hotel Römerstein

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 €.

at the central railway station ("Hauptbahnhof")



at the University ("Universität")



## Accommodation

### Hotel Römerstein

Draiser Straße 136f

55128 Mainz

Tel. +49 [0] 6131 / 93 66 60

Fax +49 [0] 6131 / 93 55 335

<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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