ABOUT THE WORKSHOP
Due to a multitude of social and technological developments over the last four decades or so, the concepts and structures of family as well as the practices of relatedness are currently subject to profound transformation processes. What are, for instance, the repercussions of new assisted reproductive technologies on the structures and concepts of family and gender relations? How do digital media practices interact with the changing notion of family as something which is not a given, but rather something you ‘do’, especially in the context of labour migration and geographically dispersed families? And what exactly changes when the ‘doing’ of family and relatedness involves ‘new’ instead of ‘old’ communication media - i.e. Skype and Facebook instead of letters, home videos or the landline? These are just three questions which may serve to illustrate the complex interlocking of communication media and new technologies with the disaggregation of sexuality and reproduction on the one hand, and with the increasing dissociation of work/place and family on the other. The workshop is thus interested in the intersections of Gender and Media Studies, Science and Technology Studies as well as Indian (and South Asian) Family Studies and shall serve as a platform for discussion on this emerging research area.

THURSDAY, 14. JANUARY 2016

4PM – 7PM
WELCOME ADDRESS
KEYNOTE LECTURE
RAVINDER KAUR
(Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi)
Querying the "Iconic" Indian Family in the Age of Media and Technology
RECEPTION

FRIDAY, 15. JANUARY 2016

PANEL 1 (10AM-12:30PM)
MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES, PERFORMATIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS
SIRPA TENHUNEN
(Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä)
Mobile Phones, Gender and Kinship in Rural West Bengal
SHILPA PHADKE
(Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)
Isolated Bubbles: The Sociality of New Motherhood
FRITZI-MARIE TITZMANN
(Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies, University of Leipzig)
To Tie or Not to Tie the Knot? Social Media Discourses on Live-In Relationships in India
LUNCH BREAK (12:30PM - 2PM)

PANEL 2 (2PM-4:30PM)
VISUAL REGIMES AND THE INTERPLAY OF PRO- AND ANTI-NATAL TECHNOLOGIES
MARY E. JOHN
(Center for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi)
Family Planning, Sex Selection and the Visual Family in the 21st Century
NADJA-CHRISTINA SCHNEIDER
(Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin)
The Visualization of Change: Filming (and Viewing) Disaggregated Motherhood and Reproductive Tourism in India
IRA SARMA
(Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies, University of Leipzig)
Graphic Relations: Representations of Family in 21st Century Visual Narratives
COFFEE / TEA BREAK (4:30PM-5PM)

PANEL 3 (5PM-6:30PM)
SENIORS IN THE CITY: TWO CASE STUDIES FROM URBAN INDIA AND NEPAL
ANNIKA MAYER
(Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg)
Family Matters: Family, Migration and Intergenerational Ties
ROBERTA MANDOKI
(Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg)
Hazurama (Grandmother) is Online: A Transgenerational Perspective on Changing Ways of ‘Doing Family’ in Urban Nepal

ORGANISATION: Nadja-Christina Schneider
VENUE: Humboldt University Berlin, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Room 507