

IPKM - Institut für historische Publizistik, Kommunikations- und Medienwissenschaft

Description of the following seminar in summer term 2019

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Titel (dt.): (Medien und die Beschleunigung der Zeit.)

Titel (engl.): **Media and the Acceleration of Time.**

Description:

The course will be held in English.

No matter what time of day – media, especially the smartphone, are everywhere: when getting up in the morning using an alarm app, when checking your bank account while shopping and also in the evening, when you're on twitter to comment on the latest football game. Media are ubiquitous.

But with these new possibilities, the relationship between time and media is also changing. In the past, media had a strong structuring character, e.g. when watching the news together in front of the television at 8 o'clock. This has now changed due to flexibility: We can use media whenever we want and wherever we are.

This seminar aims to deal with today's relationship between media and time and to examine the question to what extent societal life is "accelerated" because of media.

In the first part of the seminar, literature on society and acceleration will be discussed together. In addition, basic texts on the relationship between time and media will be subject to student presentations.

In the second part, students will search for examples of the relationship between time and media and discuss them theoretically. These examples include, but are not limited to: times that were not previously occupied by the media, such as bus or train rides; phenomena such as multitasking, i.e. the simultaneous use of several media services; and the opposite of acceleration: deceleration, e.g. by digital detox.

Overall, this course aims to answer the question if the media really accelerates our time perception – or if it is more society which stresses us out.

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