

Critical Communication Theory and the Borders of Internet

Speaker: Professor Dr. Jörg Becker



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Abstract

Most people argue that Internet is a space and time compression machine which will overcome borders and therefore strengthens peace and understanding between people, cultures and nations. This might be a one and short sided perspective as the process of pulling down borders can at the same time also result in the decrease of security and identity. Based on German Critical Theory (Adorno and Horkheimer) the speaker arrives at the double conclusion that borders are needed to overcome them.

Short Bio

Dr. Jörg Becker is Professor for Political Sciences at both the Universities of Marburg (Germany) and Innsbruck (Austria) and is serving right now as Visiting Scholar at HKBU's School of Communication.



His areas of interest cover the fields of international and intercultural communication. His present research concentrates on the topics of mass media and migration and communication, war and peace.

Dr. Jörg Becker visited more than seventy countries. His list of publications consists of 30 monographs, 40 edited books and 220 scholarly articles. His publications have been translated into ten major languages



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