

# Andere Deutsche

- Migration und hybride Identitäten -

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Konstruktion ethnischer Identität

# Jenkins: Rethinking ethnicity

- Basic anthropological model:
  - about cultural differentiation
  - concerned with culture, rooted in social interaction
  - produced and reproduced, not fix
  - collective and individual, externalised and internalised

# Jenkins: Rethinking ethnicity

- problems:
  - reification of groups
  - focus on self-identification
- rethinking:
  - role of categorisation, also individually
  - role of power, compulsion, resistance
    - racism
  - social construction of cultural differentiation and similarity
- ethnicity matters, imagined but not imaginary



# May et al: Ethnicity

- dominance of constructivist accounts of ethnic identities
- aspect of social relationships
- no homogeneous groups
- overlapping social identities
- hybridity

# May et al: criticism and challenges

- criticisms:
  - hybridity: based on essentialism
  - ethnicity: lack of choice, question of power
- challenges:
  - group-based rights without essentialising
  - world organised on ethnic basis



# Brubaker: ethnicity without groups

- groupism: believe in
  - discrete, sharply differentiated, internally homogenous and externally bounded groups
  - as basic constituents of social life, chief protagonists of social conflicts, fundamental units of social analysis
- reification of groups
- ethnic commonsense: primordialism

# Brubaker: ethnicity without groups

1. rethinking ethnicity: relational terms
2. reality independent of groups
3. groupness as event
4. category is not a group
5. group-making as project
6. role of organisations
7. constituted through framing and coding
8. perspectives on the world

