Virtual Ethnicity
- Ethnic Identity Construction in the Internet -

01.02.05
Presentations: Virtual Ethnicity

Today's session

1. Last session
2. Observations, problems
3. Essays
4. Presentation Wnuk
5. Presentation Bajan and Bozhko
6. Next session

Race and Racism

- the concept of Race is linked to
  - ancestry
  - genetics/ phenology
  - physical difference
  - colour
- according to the biological definition of races, there is only one human race
- believing in different human races is the basis of the ideology racism

Racism and other concepts

- Major examples of racism
  - against Blacks in the USA
  - against Jews in Germany
- Racism is linked for example to
  - Xenophobia
  - Islamophobia
  - Sexism
  - Homophobia

Race and virtual ethnicity

- ethnic groups are defining themselves
  - in distinction to others
  - with reference to shared history
  - often claiming to be superior
- at the basis there can be racism
  - as origin of the ethnic group
  - as reaction to marginalisation
- internet can be used to propagate or legitimise discrimination

Kolko et al

- 5: „all of us who spend time online are already shaped by the ways in which race matters offline,

- and we can't help but bring our own knowledge, experiences, and values with us when we log on."

Observation

- Any problems, questions, remarks on your observations, reports?
  - questionnaire

Essays

- virtual communities (see SS4)
- focus on ethnicity

Individual discussion of essays

Tuesday, 8.2.05, HG 248:

11.00 Covaci
11.30 Bajan
12.30 Bozhko
13.00 Cabantac

16.30 Florea
17.00 Tabolich
17.30 Martin
18.00 Wnuk

Presentation Wnuk

- Tradition

- Sponsors

- Difference Polish/ English

- Forum?

Presentation Bajan and Bozhko

- Sense of community

Next and last session: 08.02.05

- Weekly report

- Discussion of essays

- Feedback