



# **Semiotics of the Circus** International Conference

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in cooperation with Cirque Bouffon  
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*Cirque Bouffon–Zirkuszelt am Schlossplatz  
WWU–Festsaal am Schlossplatz*

*On behalf of the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
we would like to invite you to the first German conference  
dedicated to the topic of „Circus“.*

*The project **Zirkus | Wissenschaft** aims at establishing the  
Circus as an object of cultural studies, something which in  
Germany has been so far largely unexplored. For this purpose  
the conference wants to bring together scholars from all over  
the world to create an interdisciplinary network offering the  
opportunity of intense scientific exchange, and to support  
ongoing research projects as well as initiating further plans.*

***Semiotics of the Circus** will focus on how and under which  
conditions meaning is produced and transmitted in the so  
called New Circus, and in which way this depends on the  
construction of meaning in traditional circus performances.  
Semiotics, the theory of meaning creation which analyses  
the use of signs and the different kinds of sign processes, will  
help to provide answers to these initial questions.*

*The conference will centre around three topics:*

- 1. Semiotics of the traditional Circus*
- 2. Semiotics of the New Circus*
- 3. Possibilities of analysing New Circus performances*

Proposals should be submitted to  
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before February 15, 2015.

The event is open to public. Please register via  
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