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Mimicry seems deceptive. Yet could we be deceived if we took phenomena of imitation merely as fake? Framing mimicry as a mode of communication, this transdisciplinary symposium challenges common views and engages in a debate about how mimicry mediates processes of interaction between individuals, social groups, and cultures.

Organized by the transregional research group “Mimicry as Communication”

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**11:00 A.M.**

**PROF. DR. SABINE SIELKE** (North American Studies Program, University of Bonn) and  
**PROF. DR. ANNE-ROSE MEYER** (Institute of German Literature II, University of Hamburg)  
“Mimicry as Communication – an Introduction”

**11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**PROF. DR. IRENE MITTELBERG** (Human Technology Centre, RWTH Aachen)  
“Mimicry and Gesture: Cognitive-Semiotic Perspectives on Multimodal Communication”

**2:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**PROF. DR. HANNE LORECK** (University of Fine Arts, Hamburg)  
“Communicating Through Patterns – Mimicry, War, Fashion”

**3:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**DR. MARTIN DOLL** (Research Unit “Identités, Politiques, Sociétés, Espaces,”  
University of Luxembourg)  
“The Agency of Deception, or: Why Do We Accept Forgeries?”

**4:30 – 5:30 P.M.**

**DR. RICK VAN BAAREN** (Department of Social and Cultural Psychology,  
Radboud University Nijmegen)  
“The Social Side of Mimicry”

**5:30 – 6:00 P.M.**

Final Discussion