**Bio and Abstract of the invited Speaker**

**Prof Dr. Jens Loenhoff (University of Essen-Duisburg, Germany)**

*Bio*

Jens Loenhoff studied sociology, philosophy, psychology and communication studies at the Universities of Düsseldorf and Bonn. After being an Associate Professor at the Department of Intercultural Communication at the University of Mainz he is holding the position of a full professor at the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen. His research interests are communication theory, communication technologies, intercultural communication, semiotics and philosophy of language. He is member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and currently spokesman of the Priority Research Area “Transformation of Contemporary Societies” at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

*Abstract*

The analysis of video-mediated-interaction not only enables new forms of communication, it also stimulates a theoretical discussion that draws attention to previously unsolved problems of theory building and questions established concepts. The lecture gives some hints referring to the connection between intercorporeality, multimodality and the function of tacit knowledge.

**Galina Gostrer (University of Applied Sciences, München, Germany)**

*Bio*

Galina Gostrer is a Research and Teaching Fellow at the Munich University of Applied Sciences. Her PhD project focuses on relational practices in video-mediated meetings, favoring one practice in particular: Noticing of phenomena in the co-present environment of a colleague. Before entering the academia, Galina worked several years as a Lecturer for German as a Foreign Language as well as for Intercultural Communication.

*Abstract*

In the Guest Lecture Galina Gostrer presents selected findings from her PhD-project, focusing on multimodal, interspatial and epistemic dimensions of noticing. By showing examples from her own data set but also famous examples from the Internet, she will talk the listeners through the complexity of noticing and their various effects on the relational management and the concept of interactional space in video-mediated meetings.