Kerstin Brückweh presents the main results of her recently published book *Menschen zählen* (Oldenbourg/de Gruyter 2015), in which she analysed British censuses and surveys from the early nineteenth century until today’s digital age, focusing on actors, methodology, social classifications, and questions about race, ethnicity and disabilities. This history of the methods underlying the huge project of counting people also sheds light on current discussions about Big Data.

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Everyone is welcome to attend.