

18. Januar 2011

A World of Comparisons. Dynamics, Contexts, Perspectives

February 3 -4, 2011

Organizers:

Franz-Josef Arlinghaus, Ulrike Davy, Bettina Heintz, Willibald Steinmetz

Program

Wednesday, 2 February

Arrival, possibility of a common meal at the restaurant "Puccini's" at 20.00

Thursday, 3 February

9:30 **Ulrike Davy**, Bielefeld: Welcome address
Willibald Steinmetz, Bielefeld: Introduction

Section I:

Between status and ranking:

Comparing comparisons of medieval and modern universities

Moderator: **Veronika Tacke**, Bielefeld

10:00 **Frank Rexroth**, Göttingen:
The notion of conceptual differences between academic disciplines
(12th - 14th centuries)

10:30 **Linda Wedlin**, Uppsala:
Ranking of modern universities: How global comparisons matter

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Statement: **Franz-J. Arlinghaus**, Bielefeld

11:45 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Section II:

Comparing religions and cultures in premodern and modern times

Moderator: **Peter Schuster**, Bielefeld

14:15 **Thomas Lentes**, Münster:
Comparing religions in the Middle Ages

14:45 **Stefan Brakensiek**, Duisburg-Essen:
European Travel Reports on Persia around 1700

15:15 Coffee

- 15:45 Statement: **Willibald Steinmetz**, Bielefeld
16:00 Discussion
18:00 Dinner at ZiF

Friday, 4 February

Section III:

Governance by numbers: Making comparisons quantitative

Moderator: **Michael Huber**, Bielefeld

- 9:30 **Lars Behrisch**, Utrecht:
Inventing statistics in the 18th century
10:00 **Michael Power**, London:
Accounting and Finance
10:30 Coffee
11:00 Statement: **Nils Brunsson**, Uppsala
11:15 Discussion
12:15 Lunch

Section IV:

Comparisons and modernization

Moderator: **Angelika Epple**, Bielefeld

- 13:45 **Martin Geyer**, Munich:
Constructing the modern world through comparisons. Social Indicators and modernization paradigms of the post war period
14:15 Statement: **John Meyer**, Stanford
14:30 Discussion
15:30 Coffee
16:00 Final discussion
Moderator: **Thomas Welskopp**, Bielefeld
17:00 Coffee / End of Conference
20:00 For those who leave later, possibility of a common dinner

Conference venue:

Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung
Wellenberg 1
33615 Bielefeld
Germany

Conference office:

Trixi Valentin
Tel.: +49 521 106-2769; Fax: +49 521/106-6024
Trixi.Valentin@uni-bielefeld.de