ZiF WORKSHOP

Shaping Asia/s. Connectivities, Comparisons, Collaborations

Convenors: Prof. Dr. Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld, GER)  
Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius (Heidelberg, GER)

6 – 7 February 2018

IN COOPERATION WITH:

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and introduction by Christiane Brosius & Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka

I. Interrogating Asia/s: recent contributions to concepts and methods

Chair: Christiane Brosius

Claudia Derichs: What kind of area studies do we need?
Anna-Katharina Hornidge: Area Studies in tomorrow’s science system
Christoph Antweiler: Area Studies@Asia - A Network Approach vs. Atlanto- and Asiacentrisms

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Chair: Joanna Pfaff

Antje Flüchter: Beyond Western Hegemony? Translating and Comparing from an Early Modern Perspective
Monica Juneja: Transcultural entanglements
Dhruv Raina: Asia/Europe as method
Noorman Abdullah: Decentering the social sciences: relevance, resonance, revisions

Discussion

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch break

II. Methodological Strategies

Chair: Barbara Mittler

Riho Isaka: The concept of 'connectivities' and the social history of language
Ursula Rao: Infrastructures and the mapping of connectivities
Roland Hardenberg: Connectivities: the case of Islam across West-Central and South Asia
Comparisons
Chair: Minh Nguyen
Barbara Mittler: The art of comparison. Reading in conjunction
Marius Meinhof: Constantly Comparing China with the West. Postcolonial Entanglements in Asia
Akio Tanabe: Is there a South Asian path of development? Comparative attempts on shapes of Asia

5:00 - 5:30 Coffee break

III. Shaping Asia/s

Knowledge production and circulation
Chair: Patrick Eisenlohr
Kelvin Low: Theorising from Asia: perspectives on sensory knowledge production
Ute Hüskens: Asian cultures of learning
Birgitt Röttger Rössler & Thomas Stodulka: Shaping the future: educational institutions, policies, programmes and practices in the Asias
Daniel Münster: Asian Anthropo/scenes

7:00 Dinner at ZiF

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY

9:00 III. Shaping Asia/s (continued)

Public cultures: socio-spatial trans/formation
Chair: Anja Senz
Sahana Udupa: Polymedia ruptures
Nadja-Christina Schneider: Practices of public space-making and activism in urban/ising Asia

10:00 -10:20 Coffee Break

Governance and Governability
Chair: Andreas Vasilache
Claudia Derichs: From Silkroad/s to OBOR: scholarship and political governance
Anja-Desiré Senz: China connects the world? Observing the effects of China’s development strategy in Asia
Verena Talcott-Blechinger: Governing global flowers: labour standards and safety in Asia
Thorsten Bonacker & Conrad Schetter: Sub-national violence
Emil Nasiritdinov: Governing urban spaces transregionally

12:30-1:30 Lunch break
Chair: Alexandra Kaasch

**Collaborations**

**Chunrong Liu:** Networking Experiences (NIAS@Fudan)

**Radu Carciumaru:** Collaborations from/in India (Heidelberg Centre South Asia (HCSA)/SAI Branch Office)

**IV. Academic formats for knowledge creation and dissemination**

**Judith Schlehe & Pujo Semedi:** Crisscrossing Connectivities in Collaborative Research Practice

Input from **Corinne Flacke** (DFG) regarding funding opportunities

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<td><strong>Coffee break</strong></td>
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<td>Group discussions on connecting research foci and formats (e.g., transdisciplinary collaborations and public 'stakeholders'; co-producing and translating knowledge; exchange on networking experiences, reading seminars and ‘passion’ workshops)</td>
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<td>Concluding session (group work): risks/challenges of POINT EAST &amp; the next steps/advancing the proposal</td>
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<td><strong>Joint dinner at Restaurant 'Bliss &amp; Happiness'</strong> (self pay)</td>
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