**ZiF WORKSHOP**

**Entangled Comparisons.**  
**Grounding Research on Asia - Expanding Research Methodologies**  

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5 – 6 September 2019

**THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER**

9:00 – 10:30 **Welcome by ZiF and the convenors**

Introduction: ‘Shaping Asia’-initiative: towards developing methodological tools in transregional research by Christiane Brosius & Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka

Key-note:  
**Vineeta Sinha**: Ethnography on the Move: Undertaking ‘Tracing’ and ‘Tracking’ Work

10:45 -11:15 **Coffee Break**

**Connectivities: beyond binaries and methodological 'containers': I**

_Anja Senz (Ursula Rao)_: Infrastructure and the remaking of Asia through adapting, orchestrating and cooperating

_Noorman Abdullah_: Toward resonant methodologies in Asia: comparisons conversations, contests

_Anna-Katharina Homidge_: Follow the Discourse. Methodological considerations for studying transregional flows through the lens of discourse

12:45 – 2:00 **Lunch break**
Connectivities: beyond binaries and methodological 'containers': II

Chunrong Liu: The politics of framing China's interconnectivity initiative

Marius Meinhof: Constant comparison with 'the West': Colonialism, modernity and changing notions of temporality of the entangled Asias

Riho Isaka: "Gandhi" in prewar, wartime, and postwar Japan

3:30 - 4:00 Coffee break

Elaine Lynne Ee Ho: Researching multi-directional migration in/of China: Citizens in motion


Eva R. Hötzle: Shaping lives at the national margins of Bangladesh

Discussion

7:00 Dinner at ZiF

FRIDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER

Comparisons as study object – comparison as method

9:00 Barbara Mittler: Unmastering certitudes: transcultural comparison in practice

Antje Flüchter: Comparing the body? Early modern European perception of India between religion, ethnie and race

Kelvin Low: Constructing sensescapes through war: comparative and methodological deliberations

10:30 -11:00 Coffee Break

Alexandra Kaasch: Comparative and global social policy approaches in studying Asian welfare state development

Christiane Brosius: Art and heritage as placemaking strategies: engaging comparison for Asian contexts

Dhruv Raina: Sites of Knowledge and Sedimented Practices in South Asia: Limitations and Potentials of Revised and Emergent Concepts

12:30-1:30 Lunch break

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Claudia Derichs: Cross-regional perspectives on social movements: 1960ff. in Asia

Eva Gerharz: Relating translocal cases: comparison and contextualisation

Thomas Stodulka: Affective scholarships and empirical affect montages - collaboration and comparison through epistemic affects
3:00 - 3:30  **Coffee break**

*Christoph Brumann:* Connectivities and comparison in urban Asia  
*Andreas Vasilache:* Governmentality and sovereignty: bringing the state back in - methodological reflections on studying Central Asia and Southeast Asia in IR  
Discussion

8:00 p.m.  **Joint dinner** (self pay)