

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, 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 Asiacentrism

**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**

*Connectivities*

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 Hüsken*: Asian cultures of learning

*Birgitt Röttger Rössler & Thomas Stodulka*: Shaping the future: educational institutions, policies, programmes and practices in the Asias

*Daniel Münster*: Asian Anthro/scenes

7:00

**Dinner at ZIF**

WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

9:00

**III. Shaping Asia/s (continued)****Public cultures: socio-spatial trans/formations**

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 Nasritdinov*: Governing urban spaces transregionally

12:30-1:30

**Lunch break**

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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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3:00 -3:20

**Coffee break**

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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

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5:30

Concluding session (group work): risks/challenges of POINT EAST & the next steps/advancing the proposal

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8:00

**Joint dinner at Restaurant ,Bliss & Happiness'** (self pay)

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