

ZiF WORKSHOP



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

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**5 – 6 September 2019**

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THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

9:00 – 10:30 Welcome address by Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (ZiF director)

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 Hornidge*: Follow the Discourse. Methodological considerations for studying transregional flows through the lens of discourse

12:45 – 2:00 **Lunch break**

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### 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

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3:30 - 4:00

#### Coffee break

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

*Minh T. N. Nguyen*: Portfolios of Social Protection and The Rise of Private Life Insurance in Rural Vietnam

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

Discussion

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7:00

#### Dinner at ZiF

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FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> 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, ethnics and race

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

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10:30 -11:00

#### Coffee Break

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*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 Potentialities of Revised and Emergent Concepts

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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

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3:00 -3:30      **Coffee break**

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*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

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8:00 p.m.      **Joint dinner “Gaststätte Vahle”**(self pay)

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