PROGRAMME

ZiF WORKSHOP

Opium Wars – Opium Cultures: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Convenor: PD Dr. Nadine Böhm-Schnitker (Bielefeld University, GER)

23 – 24 June 2021

Time slots provided in Central European Summer Time (CEST) with added time zones

WEDNESDAY – 23 JUNE

14:00 (CEST) Welcome Address by Marc Schalenberg (Academic Coordinator, ZiF)

Britain: 13:00
Hongkong: 20:00
New York: 08:00

Introduction Nadine Böhm-Schnitker (Bielefeld University)

The Opium Wars: History, Logistics, Discourse

14:30 – 14:55 (CEST) Kendall Johnson (The University of Hong Kong)

W. A. P. Martin’s Glorious Taiping Revolution: The Figurative Economy of Opium and the Revisionist Diplomacies of American Christendom

Respondent: Muren Zhang

14:55 – 15:30 (CEST) Muren Zhang (East China Normal University, Shanghai)

Colonial Past, Emotive Politics and the Projection of Futurity in the Construction of the Bund of Shanghai

Respondent: Kendall Johnson

Plenary Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 (CEST) – Break –

15:45 – 16:10 (CEST) Yangwen Zheng (The University of Manchester)

The Political Redefinition of Opium Smoking

Respondent: Susan Zieger
16:10 – 16:45 (CEST)  | **Susan Zieger** (University of California, Riverside)  
| Clipper Ships and Container Ships: Logistics’ Drug Empires  
| Respondent: Yangwen Zheng  
| **Plenary Discussion**

16:45 – 17:00 (CEST)  | – **Break** –

17:00 – 17:25 (CEST)  | **Martin Gieselmann** (Heidelberg University)  
| Nation-Cinema: The Opium War in Popular Chinese Filmmaking  
| Respondent: Oliver Pawlak

17:25 – 18:00 (CEST)  | **Oliver Pawlak** (Bielefeld University)  
| The Palliative Approach of the Opium-Eater: Entanglements of Bio-Medical and Economic Knowledge in Thomas De Quincey’s *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* (1821/22)  
| Respondent: Martin Gieselmann  
| **Plenary Discussion**

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**Thursday – 24 June**

**The Opium Wars: Transnational Afterlives**

14:00 – 14:25 (CEST)  | **Martina Allen** (Goethe University Frankfurt)  
| Unequal Siblings: Tea and Opium as Oriental Commodities in “In Search of a Tea-Cup” and Sheridan Le Fanu’s “Green Tea”  
| Respondent: Charlotte Boyce

14:30 – 15:05 (CEST)  | **Charlotte Boyce** (University of Portsmouth)  
| “The Poor Child’s Nurse”: Infant Opium Consumption in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Britain  
| Respondent: Martina Allen  
| **Plenary discussion**

15:05 – 15:20 (CEST)  | – **Break** –

15:20 – 15:45 (CEST)  | **Gary McCulloch** (University College London)  
| The Opium Wars, Imperial History and the English School Curriculum  
| Respondent: Max Haiven
15:45 – 16:20 (CEST)  Max Haiven (Lakehead University, Thunder Bay)  
**Britain:** 14:45  
**Hongkong:** 21:45  
**New York:** 09:45  

Beyond the Sacklers: Deeper questions of responsibility and historical resonance in the American opioid crisis  

Respondent: Gary McCulloch  

Plenary discussion  

16:20 – 16:45 (CEST)  

– *Break* –  

16:45 – 17:10 (CEST)  Marie-Luise Kohlke (Swansea University)  

**Britain:** 15:45  
**Hongkong:** 22:45  
**New York:** 10:45  

Neo-Victorian Morphinomania: Gender and the Soulless Trade  

Respondent: Gigi Adair  

17:10 – 17:45 (CEST)  Gigi Adair (Bielefeld University)  

**Britain:** 16:10  
**Hongkong:** 23:10  
**New York:** 11:10  

Opium and the Financialization of the World: Subject Formation and Global Relations in Amitav Ghosh and Timothy Mo  

Respondent: Marie-Luise Kohlke  

Plenary discussion  

17:45 – 18:00 (CEST)  Conclusion: Round Table  

**Britain:** 16:45  
**Hongkong:** 23:45  
**New York:** 11:45  

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