



The Matter of Time

Time and Materiality in Historical Research Workshop Program Draft

Bielefeld, 25–27 May 2026

Venue: Bielefeld University, Room X A2-103

To register, please write to: theoriezentrale-geschichte@uni-bielefeld.de

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

09:00–9:15

Welcome and Participant introduction

09:15–10:45

Towards a Material-Oriented Theory of History (Volkswagen Foundation Project)

Lisa Regazzoni, Joaquín León Aguilar, Boaz Paz, Noa Ranzer, Clara Segota

- Lisa Regazzoni: *Presentation of the Project Towards a Material-Oriented Theory of History*
- Boaz Paz: *Where Theory of History Meets Chemistry: Perspectives on Materiality*
- Noa Ranzer: *Beyond Biblical History: Exploring Materiality through the Israeli archaeologist Ora Negbi*

Discussant and Moderator: Gary Shaw

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:30

Advanced Teaching of Philosophy of History at Wesleyan University

Ethan Kleinberg and Gary Shaw in Conversation with the Bielefeld University Department of History

Moderation: Lara Keuck

12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–16:00

Time as Argument

Franz Arlinghaus, Franziska Ludewig, Gion Wallmeyer (Research Area “Time as Argument” at the Center for Theories in Historical Research)

- Franz Arlinghaus: *Time Invested with Meaning and ‘Empty’ Time: Two Ways of Arguing Historically with Time*
- Franziska Ludewig: *Socially Confined Time: Female Conceptions of Women’s Everyday and Life Time Around 1800*
- Gion Wallmeyer: *Are the Times a-Changin’? Time and Change in Historical Arguments*

Discussants and Moderators: Maryam Patton, Daniel Smith, Courtney Weiss-Smith

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–18:00

In and Out of Time: words, discourse, and temporal anarchy (Pre-Circulated Paper Discussion)

- Courtney Weiss Smith: *The Time of Words* (online); Discussant: Maja Lisa Müller
- Ethan Kleinberg: *The Vortex, the Constellation, and the Compass: History through Temporal Anarchy*; Discussant: Martin Lutz
- Daniel Smith: *What has ‘discursive’ meant and what did it mean for Kant*; Discussant: Leander Diener

19:00

Dinner at Restaurant JiVino

Wednesday, 27 May 2026

09:00–10:30

Approaching Interfaces as Materializations of the In-Between (Pre-Circulated Paper Discussion)

Lara Keuck, Lisa-Maja Müller, Sybilla Nikolow, Lisa Regazzoni, Christian Zumbärgel (Research Area “Materiality between Past and Future” at the Center for Theories in Historical Research)

Discussants and Moderators: Ethan Kleinberg, Valeria López Fadul

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00

The Times of History

- Maryam Patton: *Seasonality as Method in Early Ottoman Intellectual History*
- Valeria López Fadul: *The Time of Rivers: Past and Present in Spanish Baroque Natural Histories*
- Gary Shaw: *The Time of Historians: Temporal Quanta and Historical Ontologies in the work of Catherine Macaulay*

Discussants and Moderators: Franz J. Arlinghaus (Shaw), Noa Ranzer (López Fadul), Gion Wallmeyer (Patton),

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:00

The Theoretical Salon: Coffee & Conversations with Faculty

18:00

Koselleck Lecture (Room X-E0-001)

- Marnie Hughes-Warrington: *Artificial Historians Colluding*

Introduction and Moderation: Lisa Regazzoni and Silke Schwandt

20:30

Dinner at Bultmannshof