



December 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- The **Shaping Asia – Heritage** lecture series continues with three more talks:
- Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius (Universität Heidelberg) on the **21. January 2022**: “‘Building Back Stronger’? Robustness, Resilience and Regeneration in Post-Earthquake Heritage Making in Nepal”.
- Dr. Çiçek Ilengiz (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen) on the **27. January 2022**: “Energetic Inheritance: Sensing the Heritage of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi (1207-1273)”.
- Dr. Zarina Adambussinova (American University of Central Asia in Bishkek) on the **3. February 2022**: “Dissonance in Heritage: The City Museum of Kökshetau in Peripheral Post-Soviet Kazakhstan”.

For more information, visit the series' [webpage](#).

- Within the **Understanding Asia: Transnational Care** colloquium series, Dr. Megha Amrith (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen) offers a lecture titled “The Ends of Transnational Care: Aspirations of Ageing Migrant Domestic Workers” on **19. January 2022**.

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Projects

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Stodulka, together with Florin Cristea (Freie Universität Berlin), will be working on a project titled **Afflicted Minds–‘Madness’, Morality and Emotions in Rural Bali (2022–2024)**. The project is funded by the German Research Foundation.

Focusing on the islands of Bali (Florin Cristea) and Timor and Timor-Leste (Thomas Stodulka) in Indonesia, the project contributes to current debates on mental health experiences. Whereas Bali has established itself as a hub for international cooperations and transnational mental health experts, the island of Timor contrasts through almost exclusive local healingscapes. Based on professional networks already initiated during previous and exploratory fieldwork, this project is well connected to the local and international institutions working on mental health and illness on the two islands. It investigates the illness experiences associated with severe psychiatric disorders as intertwined moral, cognitive, and emotional processes. This analytic link promises to provide an in-depth description of how global knowledge flows influence personal and social illness trajectories and outcomes beyond the Global North, by methodologically particularizing the diverse Balinese and Timorese therapeutic landscapes.

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Stodulka and other colleagues at Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin have launched a project titled **Learning for Democracy from Interfaith Initiatives: Civic Education, Democracy, and Religion**. It is funded by Berlin University Alliance Global Engagement for the period 2020-2021. Their official website launch is February 2022 and can be reached via this [link](#).
- Prof. Dr. Jürgen Pfeffer, Prof. Dr. Janina Steinert (Technical University of Munich) and Prof. Dr. Sahana Udupa (LMU Munich) launched a project on online misogyny: **Understanding, Detecting, and Mitigating Online Misogyny Against Politically Active Women in Germany, India, and Brazil (2022–2026)**. The project, funded by the Bavarian Institute for Digital Transformation, will examine online misogyny and gender-based harassment across Germany, India, and Brazil using ethnography, survey, and computational methods.
- Prof. Dr. Antje Missbach (Bielefeld University) and Prof. Dr. Heike Drotbohm (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) have been awarded a grant for their project **Migration und Im/Mobilität im Globalen Süden in Zeiten einer Pandemie (2021–2024)**. The project is funded by the German Research Foundation. Visit the project's [webpage](#) for more information.

Announcements

- Prof. Dr. Eva Gerharz and Dr. Hosna Shewly (Fulda University of Applied Sciences) call for abstract submissions (250-300 words) ahead of their workshop **Reconceptualising Activism Space in Contemporary Asia and Africa**.

The deadline for submitting the abstracts is 30th January 2022. The date of the event is 28th and 29th April 2022. Selected papers will be planned for a journal special issue. Check the workshop's [webpage](#) for more information.

- Dr. Arne Harms will present a paper “The Coast as Crumble Zone: Urban Liquefaction, Fortification and Sacrifice” at the Workshop **Tangled Coastal Connections: Ethical Tensions in Materialities and Imaginaries**, LMU Munich, taking place on Jan 20th and 21st, 2022.

- Dr. Bisidsha Chaudhuri will be visiting Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle (Saale) during May-June 2022 to work on her ideas on digital governance and the everyday state in India.

Dr. Bidisha Chaudhuri is an Associate Professor in the domain of IT and Society at International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB), India. She completed her PhD from the South Asia Institute at the Heidelberg University, Germany. The title of her doctoral thesis was *Hybridising (e) Governance in India: The Interplay of Politics, Technology and Culture*. Her current research interest includes information systems for sustainable development, politics of data and algorithms, political economy of digital identity and sociology of work and automation and AI ethics.

- Prof. Dr. Claudia Derichs (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) have been appointed as Scout in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's [Henriette Herz Scouting Programme](#). Scouts aim is to identify excellent junior researchers abroad. The focus is on researchers whose academic record qualifies them to be granted a Humboldt Research Fellowship. After formal approval, the fellowships will be granted directly, i.e. an application is not necessary. Fellows receive a scholarship for 24 months (extension is possible) and can also bring family members along.
- The Humanities Center at The University of Tokyo (Komaba) held a second seminar in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Riho Isaka (Tokyo University) and Prof. Dr. Claudia Derichs (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) – within the DFG-funded project [Shaping Asia: Knowledge Production and Circulation](#) – on the 10th of December 2021.

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For those who are unfamiliar with the initiative:

The **Shaping Asia** network aims to bring together scholars from the Humanities and Social Sciences. It acts as a platform for trans- and interdisciplinary knowledge production among researchers working in Asia.

Methodologically, the network emphasizes three main lines of inquiry:

Connectivities Understand inter- and multicultural formations, their interrelations and how connections transform what is connected.

Comparisons See how difference and sameness are put into relation at different scales, questioning what would otherwise seem specific.

Collaborations Facilitate multi-sited and multi-perspective knowledge production through scholarly cooperation and exchange.

While Shaping Asia is inclusive, it doesn't work toward capturing the entirety of Asian cultures and societies. Instead, it adopts a framework within which research conducted in specific sites, on specific topics, and by specific disciplines can be placed on a broader basis. Consequently, the network seeks to grasp how Asia is shaped and has shaped the world at different points in history. It challenges disciplinary, national, and regional boundaries as well as cultural containers.

We welcome scholars working in and on all parts of Asia interested in joining the network.

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