

ZMO Research Programme 2020–2024

Thinking through Translocal Entanglements: Perspectives from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East Project Overview

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Age and Generation

Head of Research Unit: Dozent Dr. Samuli Schielke

Dozent Dr. Samuli Schielke: The dream of stability: Egyptian migrations and homes in the age of growth

Dr. Johannes Becker & Orhan Nassif: Migrant arrival contexts in transregional comparison. Local figurations and differing collective histories of Assyrians/Arameans in Germany and Jordan (DFG)

PD Dr. Katrin Bromber: Veterans, Volunteers and Welfare in Colonial and Postcolonial East Africa

Dr. Sana Chavoshian: Soldiers and Sanctions: Generational Justice across and along Debris, Disaster and Displacement (DFG)

Dr. Aksana Ismailbekova: Future Building in Central Asia: Intergenerational Cooperation, Infrastructure, and Translocal Mobilities

Khouloud Said Amer: The Two Long Years

Associated/Affiliated

Mariam Aboughazi: The Aftermath of Hope: Defeat, Recovery and Dreams In Counter Revolutionary Egypt (DAAD)

Benita Kawalla: Zwischen Familienliebe und Formalitäten. Über die intrafamiliären Aushandlungen von Staatsbürgerschaftsstrukturen, Zugehörigkeiten und acts of citizenship von mixed-status Familien im Libanon

Dr. Anu Krishna: The Cardamom Chronicles - Scent, Savour, and Social Worlds in a Global Spice Chain

Dr. Ahmad Moradi: Beyond Humanitarianism: Disability Care and Belonging of Afghan Veterans in Iran (Einstein Stiftung)

Dr. Tabea Scharrer: Socio-Economic Positioning and Class Making in the Context of Transnational Forced Migration. Somali Refugees in Kenya and Germany

Dr. Magdalena Suerbaum: Syrian parents in Berlin and Istanbul: gendered perspectives on strategies of childrearing, educational choices and intergenerational relationships

Environment and Justice

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Katharina Lange

PD Dr. Katharina Lange: Revisions of Rurality: Ecology, Conflict and Violence in a Changing Middle East

Dr. Hilal Alkan Zeybek: In the Company of Plants: Multispecies Care and Migrant Home-making in Germany (DFG)

Lotte Knote: A Feminist Political Ecology of Seaweed Farming: Gendered Livelihood Strategies in Aquaculture in the Western Indian

Dr. Nikolaos Olma: Precarious Half-Lives: Co-habiting with Radiation and Ignorance in Mailuu-Suu, Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Steven Serels: A New History of Infectious Diseases in the Southern Red Sea Region (DFG)

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Mattin Biglari: A Feminist Political Ecology of Seaweed Farming: Gendered Livelihood Strategies in Aquaculture in the Western Indian Ocean

Omri Polatsek: Agrochemical Transformations and their Knowledge Resources in Egypt 1882-1952

Dr. Canay Şahin: On the Survey of Estate Lands (Çiftliks) in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Black Sea: State, Landlords and Tenants

Dr. Juliane Schumacher: Knowledge, Temporalities and Questions of Justice. Negotiating Coastal Futures in West Africa in Times of Climate Change

Jacob Nerenberg: Debating Extraction: Plural Visions of Infrastructure in Papua, Indonesia

Representations of the Past

Head of Research Unit: Dr. Heike Liebau

Dr. Heike Liebau: Historical Icons and Representations of the Past

Dr. Anandita Bajpai: Crafting Entanglements: Afro-Asian Pasts of the Global Cold War (CRAFTE)

Dr. Martin Christof-Füchsle: The History of German Participation in the European Colonial Endeavor with a Focus on India

Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Struggle over mined Territory: Historical Contingency in the Aftermath of the Moroccan Truth and Reconciliation Instance

Dr. Deniz T. Kilincoglu: Learning to Feel Like a Nation: Nationalism and Emotions in Turkish School Books (DFG)

Dr. Birgitte Stampe Holst: After Authoritarianism: How political thinking travels with Syrians to Germany and Denmark

PD Dr. Stefan Kirmse: In Pursuit of 'Legality' and 'Justice': Minority Struggles in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union

Dr. David Leupold: 'Relicts of (Another) Future?' – The Afterlife of the Socialist City in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (DFG)

PD Dr. Norman Saadi Nikro: Edward Said. AutoBioGraphical Exposures and Intersecting Pathways

Nico Putz: Revisiting Translocal Entanglements Through Digital Methods - The "Extreme" Political Left of the 1960s and '70s in India, Germany and Beyond (MIDA, DFG)

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Mina Abdel Ibrahim: Coptic Misfits: In the Shadows of Altars, Domes, and Street Protests

Dr. Laure Girguis: Power, Culture, and Resistance between the Arab world and the Southern Cone, 1920s–2020s (AvH)

Reyazul Haque: Movements and Concepts: Production of Images of India in GDR Newsreels (MIDA)

Anna Helfer: Contested history: the appropriation and re-interpretation of Senegalese past in artistic and intellectual processes in Dakar (FES)

Georg Lilie: The networks of Dada Amir Haider Khan: local forms of communist organising in authoritarian Pakistan, c. 1946-1971

Nerouz Satik: The embodied revolutionary space of the Syrian refugees in Germany and the United Kingdom

Jona Vantard: Practicing History in Post-1874 Assam

in Post-Stalinist Armenian SSR

Dr. Maria Ketzmerick-Calandrino: Radicalized Discourses and the Cold War - Berlin as locale for Afro-Asian Entanglements

Saidolimkhon Gaziev: Pursuit of 'Legality' and 'Justice'. Minority Struggles in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union (JUSTIMINO)

Organisations in the South Caucasus Following Stalin's Tenure

Dr. Gevork Avetikyan: Legal Nationalism: Strategies of Seeking Justice

Ketavan Sartania: The Emergence of Dissidents and Human Rights

Dr. Aikaterini Lykoudi: Russian-Ottoman Relations and the Karaite Question

Contested Religion & Intellectual Culture

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye

PD Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye: Religion, Morality and Boko in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Contested Knowledge, Sociality, and Religion: Intellectual Culture under Postcolonial Conditions on the Swahili Coast and Beyond

Dr. Frédérick Madore: Salafism and Pentecostalism on University Campuses in Benin and Togo since the 1970s: Lived Religion in Secular Contexts (Remoboko, Leibniz-Junior Research Group, in Cooperation with IFRA Nigeria, LASDEL)

Dr. Maria-Magdalena Pruß: Bent over Arabic Manuscripts: South Asian Muslims, European Orientalism, and the Academic Study of Islam

Dr. Arpan Roy: "Call to Prayer: Evangelizing in an Arab/Islamic Lifeworld" (Marie Curie)

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Diliara Brileva: Public Theology: The Formation of New Theological Discourse in the Periodical Press of Muslim Tatars in Late Imperial Russia (AvH)

Dr. Daniele Cantini: Scholarly Ways. Mobility, Knowledge Production and Research Capacity Building between Europe and the Middle East

Dr. Deepra Dandekar, PhD: Indian Ocean Retrotopia on the Western Indian Littoral (DFG)

Mamadou Diallo: Religion in Senegalese Laïcité: Enunciations of the Secular in the Colonial and Developmental State (1840-1980)

Vincent Favier: Preaching and Teaching: Religiosity, Knowledge and Performance at the Université Abdou Moumouni de Niamey, Niger (Remoboko, Leibniz-Junior Research Group, in Cooperation with IFRA Nigeria, LASDEL)

Dr. Mohammed Hashas: Contemporary Moroccan Thought: On Philosophy, Theology, Society, and Culture

Dr. Bello Adamou Mahamadou: Religious Dynamics and the Interaction Between Religion and Secularity at Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey, Niger (Remoboko, Leibniz-Junior Research Group, in Cooperation with IFRA Nigeria, LASDEL)

Dr. Benedikt Pontzen: Rethinking 'African Traditional Religion': Living with Spirits in Asante, Ghana

PD Dr. Dietrich Reetz: World-Making from the 'Margins': Musim Cultural Actors from South Asia

Dr. Jürgen Schaflechner: The Populism of the Precarious: Marginalization, Mobilization, and Mediatization of South Asia's Religious Minorities (VW-Foundation, Freigeist)

Muhammad Yakasai: Elite Formation and the Trajectory of the Agitation for Sharia Revival in Kano, 1945-2011

Sohaib Ali: The Contending Political Theologies of Pakistan's Transnational Islamic Actors: A Comparison of Mainstream Deobandi Discourses and Militant Islamism

Yasmin Ismael: The Anglophone Maktab: Gujarati Muslims and Islamic Education in a Minority Context

Binyamin Lawal: Expansion of the Sacred into the Public Space: Spatial Contestation Between Muslims and Christians in Jos, Plateau State Nigeria

Muhammedali Puthoor: Muhammedali Puthoor: One Party for Various Muslims: AIMIM and its Muslim Constituents in Hyderabad

Cross-Cutting, Exploratory and Supplementary Research
Heads of Research Unit: Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag & Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag: History of Saudi Arabia in Translocal Perspective

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Anthropology (in the North) and Theory (from the South)

PD Dr. Stefan Kirmse: Eurasian Borderlands, Past and Present

Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Modern Arab Intellectual Thought

PD Dr. Nora Lafi: Deliberative Systems in the Arab and Muslim Worlds

Timely Histories: A Social History of Time in South Asia (ERC Consolidator Grant)

Dr. Nitin Sinha (Head of Project): South Asian Nights: A History

Amrita Chattopadhyay: Night and Nocturnalisation in medieval and early South Asia

Sagnik Kar: Time and Delay: Gendered Temporalities in Bengal in the 19th and 20th Centuries

De:link // Re:link - Local perspectives on transregional (dis-)entanglements (BMBF, in Cooperation with HU, ZOiS, BICC)

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Pl

Kadara Swaleh: An Anthropological Study of the Impact and Repercussions of Chinese BRI projects in Coastal Kenya

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Suaad Alghafal: Public Space for Peace and Contention: Maydān al-Shuhadāʾ (Martyrs' Square) Shaping Political and Social Spheres of the City of Tripoli, Libya

Robin Schmahl: A Tale of Two Narratives: Deliberative Systems in Egypt during the French Military Campaign of 1798-1801 and the Inception of the Modern Middle East

Minerwa Tahir: Crippled Future: Time of the Disabled in Karachi (1857-1947)

Prof. Dr. Abdulkader Tayob: Writing a Discourse-oriented History of Islam in Africa; Developing Decolonial Strategies for the Study of Religions (University of Cape Town / Georg Forster Research Award)

Noura Chalati: Intelligence Fields: The Relations of the East German Stasi and Syrian Mukhabarat, 1960–1990