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Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye: Religion, Morality and Boko in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life (Remofoke) (Leibniz-Competition)
Dr. Jeffrey Culong: Moral Quarantines: Religion and Modern Law in Egypt (VW-Mellon)
Dr. Maria-Magdalena Fuchs: Bend over Arabic Manuscripts: South Asian Muslims, European Orientalism, and the Academic Study of Islam
Vincent Favier: Preaching and Teaching: Religiosity, Knowledge and Performance on University Campuses in Niger and Nigeria (Remofoke, Leibniz-Competition)
Prof. Dr. Ko Kresse: Svothi Muslim Publics and Post-colonial Experience; African Intellectual Cultures; Anthropology in Transregional Studies
Bello Adamou Mahamodou: Religious Dynamics and the Interaction Between Religion and Secularity at Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey, Niger (Remofoke, Leibniz-Competition)
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PD Dr. Stefan Kirmse: Eurasian Borderlands, Past and Present

Georg Forster-Research Award
Prof. Dr. Abdulkader Toyob: University of Cape Town, from 9/2020

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Florian Coppenrath: Hip-Hop in Kyrgyzstan: Cities and Cultural Globalization (FES)
K. Zeynep Şarişlan: Journalism at a Distance: Transnational Politics and Making Online News in Exile (Mobility Grant Switzerland)
Annebret Roald: Religious Tourism in Ky'ip, Constructions of an Islamic Place in Istanbul

Environment and Justice
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PD Dr. Katharina Lange: (Re)valuations of Land in Kurdistan-Iraq
Dr. Jacob Nerenberg: Debating Extraction: Plural Visions of Infrastructure in Papua, Indonesia
Dr. Nikolaos Olmo: Precarious Half Lives: Co-habiting with Radiation and Ignorance in Malili-Sau, Kyrgyzstan (as of 07/2020)
Dr. Steven Seros: The History of Poverty in the Southern Red Sea Region (DFG)
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Juliane Schumacher: Knowledge, Temporalities and Questions of Justice: Negotiating Coastal Futures in West Africa in Times of Climate Change
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Dr. Täasha Çiçek: The Stubborn Mobility: Nomads and the Political Century
Dr. Nitin Sinha: ‘Fixing’ the Future: Money, Morality, and Modernity
Dr. Nitin Sinha: Premises of Political Thought at Kabul University, 1964–1992

Supplementary Research
Learning Intelligence (VW-Freigeist)
Dr. Sophia Hoffmann (Head of Project): Learning Intelligence: The Exchange of Secret Service Knowledge between Germany and the Arab Middle East 1960–2010
Noura Chalati: The Exchange of Intelligence between East Germany’s Ministry for State Security and the Syrian Intelligence and Security Apparatus, 1960–1990