

Representations of the Past

Head of Research Unit: Dr. Heike Liebau

Dr. Heike Liebau: Missionaries, Scholars, Politicians and Journalists: Life Trajectories and World Views of the Brothers Kheiri

Dr. Anandita Bajpai: Entangled Wavelengths. Trans-local Affect and Affiliation Among Radio Broadcasters and Listeners of German International Radio Stations in Cold War India, 1964-1990

Dr. Antía Mato Bouzas: Emerging Transnational Spaces: Migration and Development Networks Between North-Eastern Pakistan and the Gulf (DFG)

Dr. Veronica Ferreri: Paper Trails and Dislocated Bureaucracies (BMBF)

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

Prof. Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Transforming Memories: Morocco in the Aftermath of the Truth and Reconciliation Instance

David Leupold: Relicts of (Another) Past: Crafting Soviet Urbanity and its Material Afterlife in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus

PD Dr. Norman Saadi Nikro: Edward Said: Intersecting Pathways, Knowledge and Biographical Inventories in a Geographical Register

Inana Othman: Conviviality in Homs between Space, State Institutions and Interconfessionality: Schools as an Interactive Shared Space (BMBF)

Tika Ramadhini: Jawah Women between South East Asia and Mecca: Networks of Knowledge in the 19th and 20th Century

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Hilal Alkan Zeybek: The Dyad of Care and Discipline: Aiding Syrian Migrants in Turkey and Germany (AvH)

Dr Ergün Özgür: The Impact of Multicultural Policy Implementations and Acculturation Strategies on the Adaptation of Muslim and non-Muslim Immigrants from Turkey (Humboldt-Stipendium)

Dr. Dietrich Reetz: Muslim Networks from South Asia – Another World? World-making of Islamic Groups and Movements from South Asia

Age and Generation

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Katrin Bromber

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

Dozent Dr. Samuli Schielke: The Search for a Normal Life: House-building and Home-making between Egypt, Europe and the Gulf (Thyssen)

Dr. Nitin Sinha: 'Fixing' the Future: Money, Morality, and Modernity

Dr. Nitin Sinha: Timely Histories: A Social History of Time in South Asia (ERC, as of 10/2020)

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

Kyara Klausmann: A Global History of Political Thought at Kabul University, 1964–1992

Dr. Sarah Jurkiewicz
Liminal Spaces: Topographies of Political and Social Change in Morocco, Egypt and Palestine (VW)

Contested Religion

Head of Research Unit: Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye

Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye: Religion, Morality and Boko in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life (Remoboko) (Leibniz-Competition)

Dr. Jeffrey Culang: Moral Quandaries: 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 (Remoboko, Leibniz-Competition)

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Swahili Muslim Publics and Post-colonial Experience; African Intellectual Cultures; Anthropology in Transregional Studies

Bello Adamou Mahamadou: Religious Dynamics and the Interaction Between Religion and Secularity at Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey, Niger (Remoboko, Leibniz-Competition)

Adéjoké Rafiat Adétörò: Religiosity and Higher Education at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1948–2010 (Remoboko, Leibniz-Competition)

Environment and Justice

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Katharina Lange

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 Olma: Precarious Half-Lives: Co-habiting with Radiation and Ignorance in Mailuu-Suu, Kyrgyzstan (as of 07/2020)

Dr. Steven Serels: The History of Poverty in the Southern Red Sea Region (DFG)

Claudia Ghrawi: Damascus 1946-1963: From the Reinvented City to the Populist Authoritarian State

Lisa Jöris: At Home in Aleppo. Experiences and Memories (BMBF)

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

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

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Talha Çiçek
The Stubborn Mobility: Nomads and the Political Agency, 1920-2018' (AvH)

Dr. Ahmet Asker: German Cultural Influences in Turkey, 1871–1945

Research Synthesis and Crosscutting Topics

This section covers collaboration between the four thematic units that cuts across, or synthesizes, their work. It also includes the following projects:

Translocality

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag: Translocal Cultural History of Saudi Arabia in the 20th Century

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

Georg Forster-Research Award

Prof. Dr. Abdulkader Tayob
University of Cape Town, from 9/2020

Associated/Affiliated

Florian Coppenrath: Hip-Hop in Kyrgyzstan's Cities and Cultural Globalization (FES)

K. Zeynep Sariaslan: Journalism at a Distance: Transnational Politics and Making Online News in Exile (Mobility Grant Switzerland)

Annegret Roelcke: Religious Tourism in Eyüp. Constructions of an Islamic Place in Istanbul

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

Ali Dogan: Intelligence Agencies as Preserver of Raison d'État. Comparison and Analysis of Collaboration between the Bundesnachrichtendienst and Jihaz Al-Mukhabarat Al-Amma from 1969–1990

Noura Chalati: The Exchange of Intelligence between East Germany's Ministry for State Security and the Syrian Intelligence and Security Apparatus, 1960–1990

Single Projects

Dr. Malte Fuhrmann: Developmentality in Southeastern Europe: The Evolution of Developmental Discourse in Bulgaria and Turkey in the Debate on Traffic Infrastructure (1908–1989) (DFG)

The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds

The project will be led by **Dr. Nora Lafi** and be supported by three research fellows in Germany and two in the region. Names and titles will be announced soon.