



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

Dr. Sana Chavoshian: Warfare and Welfare: Trajectories of Sacralizing Elderly Care between Family, State and Trans-local Networks in Iran-Iraq Borderlands

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

Dr. Jasmin Mahazi: Bahari Yetu (our ocean/genre) – A Matrifocal Anthropological Study of Oral Archives and Embodied Knowledge Practices Along the Swahili Coast (DFG)

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

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Khaled Adham: Intergenerational Inequalities: Urbanization, Capital, and Housing in Developing Countries

Dr. Johannes Becker: The Arrival of Refugees in Existing Migrant Communities: The Role of Generational Memory and Community Formation in the Case of Assyrians in Jordan and Germany

Dr. Tabea Scharrer: Transnationale Sozio-ökonomische Position(ierung) Somalischer Migrant*innen

Dr. Magdalena Suerbaum: Parenting and Education Choices in Contexts of Forced Displacement: Syrian Refugees in Berlin and Cairo

Environment and Justice

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Katharina Lange

PD Dr. Katharina Lange: Revisions of Rurality: Expertise, Experience and Exchange in the Production of Environmental Knowledge in a Changing Middle East, 1950s–2020s

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

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

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

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

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

Associated/Affiliated

Prof. Dr. Shadia Husseini de Araújo: "Green Halal": Multiple, Translocal, and Enacted through Encounters

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

Representations of the Past

Head of Research Unit: Dr. Heike Liebau

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

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

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag: Constructing Saudi History

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

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

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

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

Dr. Veronica Ferreri: Paper Trails and Dislocated Bureaucracies

Dr. Maria Framke: A South Asian Humanitarianism in Armed Conflicts, 1899 - 1945

Dr. Ergün Özgür: The Impact of Multicultural Policy Implementations and Acculturation Strategies on the Adaptation of Muslim and non-Muslim Immigrants from Turkey (Cases: Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden and the UK)

Jona Vantard: Practicing History in Post-1874 Assam

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 (Remoboko, Leibniz-Junior Research Group, in Cooperation with IFRA Nigeria, LASDEL)

Adéjoké Rafiat Adétòrò: Religiosity and Higher Education at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1948–2010 (Remoboko, Leibniz-Junior Research Group, in Cooperation with IFRA Nigeria, LASDEL)

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

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)

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

Dr. Frédéric 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)

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

Associated/Affiliated

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

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

Simon Conrad: Mysticism, Spiritualism, and the History of Religion in Modern Egypt

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

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

Cross-Cutting, Exploratory and Supplementary Research

Heads of Research Unit: Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag & Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse

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

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

Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Modern Arab Intellectual Thought

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

The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds (Leibniz Collaborative Excellence, in Cooperation with IEG, ZZf, IFPO, Manouba University)

PD Dr. Nora Lafi (Head of Project): Deliberative Systems in the Arab and Muslim Worlds

Abdel Qader Amer: British Colonial Authorities and Pre-existing Forms of Civic Life in Iraq (1914–1932)

Ahlem Hajaji: The Local Deliberative Bodies of the Jewish Community in Tunis from the Colonial Period to the 'Arab Spring'

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

Affiliated

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

Learning Intelligence (VW-Freigeist)

Prof. Dr. Sophia Hoffmann (Head of Project, affiliated researcher since 10/2021): Learning Intelligence: The Exchange of Secret Service Knowledge between Germany and the Arab Middle East 1960–2010

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

Ali Dogan: The exceptional remit of intelligence agencies – Germany's and Iraq's Foreign Intelligence Services during the Cold War.

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

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

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

Dr. Ritam Sengupta: Timing Work in the North Indian Countryside, c. 1800s–1900s

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

Dr. Samuel Wright: Early Modern Temporalities: Time and Culture in Theory and Practice

EU Study on Religious Radicalisation in Central Asia (ECDPM)

Aksana Ismailbekova & Stefan Kirmse

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

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: PI

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

Aller Anfang ist...? Ankommen multiperspektivisch – Schüler:innen forschen nach (Wissenschaftsjahr 2022, BMBF)

Lena Herzog & Lisa Jöris

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Michael Baers: Fissures Within Visible Worlds: The Western Sahara Conflict, the Work of an "Informal Collective," and the Medial Organization of the Visible and the Invisible

Lali Kakhidze: Prosopographie der deutschen Kolonisation in Georgien (Studienstiftung des Abgeordneten-hauses Berlin)

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 Foster Research Award)