



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. Trans-local Affect and Affiliation Among Radio Broadcasters and Listeners of German International Radio Stations in Cold War India, 1964-1990 (MIDA, DFG)

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

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

Associated/Affiliated

Dr. Maria Framke: South Asian humanitarianism in armed conflicts, 1899 - 1945

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

Age and Generation

Head of Research Unit: PD Dr. Katrin Bromber

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

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

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

Dr. Nitin Sinha: Timely Histories: A Social History of Time in South Asia (ERC, starting 1/2021)

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 Syrians in Jordan and Germany

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

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

Lisa Jöris: Urban infrastructure in pre-2011 Aleppo. Civil agency and state-power dynamics between water provision and waste disposal (Normality and Crisis, BMBF)

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

Associated/Affiliated

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

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

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)

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

Dr. Jeffrey Culang: Moral Quandaries: Religion and Modern Law in Egypt (VW-Mellon)

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

Vincent Favier: Preaching and Teaching: Religiosity, Knowledge and Performance on University Campuses in Niger and Nigeria (Remoboko, Leibniz-Competition)

Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Contested knowledge, sociality, and religion: intellectual culture under postcolonial conditions on the Swahili coast and beyond & 'Anthropology (in the North) and Theory (from the South)'

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

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

Associated/Affiliated

Daniele Cantini: "Scholarly ways. Mobility, knowledge production and research capacity building between Europe and the Middle East"

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

Rahina Muazu (Thyssen)
From Calabar to Berlin: Girls Trafficking from Nigeria to Europe and the Role of African Traditional Religion (ATR) (2020-2021)

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
Writing a discourse-oriented history of Islam in Africa; Developing decolonial strategies for the study of religions

Associated/Affiliated

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

Dr. Michael Baers: The conflict in Western Sahara, political/cultural solidarity with the Saharawi within the Mediterranean and Europe, medial invisibility of postcolonial conflicts, mass media images of war and conflict, artistic research methodologies.

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

Dr. Nelida Fuccaro: A Cultural History of Oil

Dr. Jasmin Mahazi: Bahari yetu (Our ocean/genre) – A matrifocal anthropological study of oral archives and embodied knowledge practices along the Swahili coast

Dr. Izabela Orłowska: Ethnicity, Conflict and Festivalization of Politics in Ethiopia

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

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

The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds

The project will be led by **PD Dr. Nora Lafi** and be supported by three research fellows in Germany and two in the region. Names and titles will be announced soon. (Leibniz-Competition, starting 10/2020)

Timely Histories: A Social History of Time in South Asia

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Individual 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)