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Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye: Religion, Morality and Boko in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life (Remosboko) (Leibniz-Competition)
Adéjoké Rafat Addëdbé: Religion and Higher Education at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1948–2010 (Remosboko, 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 (FES)
Vincent Favier: Preaching and Teaching: Religious, Knowledge and Performance on University Campuses in Niger and Nigeria (Remosboko, Leibniz-Competition)
Prof. Dr. Kai Kresse: Swahili Muslim Publics and Postcolonial Experience: African Intellectual Cultures, Anthropology in Transregional Studies
Bello Adamou Mahamadou: Religious Dynamics and the Interaction Between Religion and Secularity at Alabou Moumouni University of Niamey, Niger (Remosboko, Leibniz-Competition)

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Lotte Knöthe: 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 Makou-Sau, Kyrgyzstan (as of 07/2020)
Juliane Schumann: Knowledge, Temporalities and Questions of Justice: Negotiating Coastal Futures in West Africa in Times of Climate Change
Dr. Steven Seres: The History of Poverty in the Southern Red Sea Region (DFG)

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Dr. Ahmet Askar: German Cultural Influences in Turkey, 1871–1945
Dr. Talha Cülek: The Stabilism Mobility: Nomads and the Political Agency, 1920–2018 (AvH)

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
All Dogan: Intelligence Agencies as Preserver of Reason d’Etat: Comparison and Analysis of Collaboration between the Bundesnachrichtendienst and Jihad Al-Muharram Al-Imamia from 1969–1990
Nouros 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 Infrastructures (1908–1989) (DFG)

The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds
(Starting October 2020)
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.

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 Kimse: Eurasian Borderlands, Past and Present

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

Associated/Affiliated
Florian Coppennath: Hip-Hop in Kyrgyzstan’s Cities and Cultural Globalization (FES)
K. Zeynep Saviors: Journalism at a Distance: Transnational Politics and Making Online News in Exile (Mobility Grant Switzerland)
Annegret Rödicker: Religious Tourism in I zwy: Constructions of an Islamic Place in Istanbul

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

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