**Age and Generation**

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Dr. Akosma Ijambebeke: Future Building in Central Asia: Intergenerational Cooperation, Infrastructure, and Translocal Mobilities

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

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

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Dr. Khaleed Alkhateeb: 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. Mogdalen Suedeboom: Parenting and education choices in contexts of forced displacement: Syrian refugees in Berlin and Cairo

**Environment and Justice**

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PD Dr. Katharina Lange: Revisions of Rurality: Experiences, Experience and Exchange in the Production of Environmental Knowledge in a Changing Middle East, 1950s-2000s

Claudia Girawi: Damascus 1946-1963: From the Reinvented City to the Popular Authoritarian State

Lisa Jörts: Urban infrastructure in pre-2011 Aleppo. Civil agency and state-power dynamics within water provision and waste disposal (normality and crisis) (BMBF)

Lotte Knave: 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 Host Lives: Co-habiting with Radiation and Ignorance in Malai-sui, Kyrgyzstan

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

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Dr. Taha Çicek: The Steelborn Mobility: Nomads and the Political Agency, 1520-2018 (AvH)

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

**Representations of the Past**

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Dr. Anamita Bajpai: Entangled Wavelengths: Translocal Affect and Affiliation among Radio Broadcasters and Listeners of German International Radio Stations in Cold War India, 1964-1990 (MIDA, DFG)

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David Leupold: Felicitics of Another Past: Crafting Soviet Urbanity and its Material Afterlives in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus

PD Dr. Norman Soadi: Nikra: Edward Said, Auto-biographical Exposures and Intersecting Pathways

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

Dr. Dietrich Reetz: World-making from the ‘Margins’: Muslim Cultural Actors from South Asia

Dr. Hild Alkan Zaybek: The Dyal of Care and Discipline: Asiding Syrian Migrants in Turkey and Germany

**Contested Religion**

**Head of Research Unit: Dr. Abdoulaye Sonouye**

Dr. Abdoulaye Sonouye: Religion, Morality and Bakho in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life (Remboka, Leibniz-Competition)

Adjojok Fuffat Addob: Religiousity and Higher Education at the University of Yabade, Nigeria, 1948–2010 (Remboka, Leibniz-Competition)

Dr. Jeffrey Cutan: Moral Quadrants: Religion and Modern Law in Egypt (WW-Mellon)

Dr. Deepa Danekar: Indian Ocean Retropop in the Western Indian Littoral (DFG)

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

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

Bello Adamou Mahamadou: Religious Dynamics and the Interaction Between Religion and Secularity at Al-Azhar University in Nigeria (Remboka, Leibniz-Competition)

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

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**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 Forstner-Research Award

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

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

**Associated/Affiliated**

Prof. Dr. Saaad Al Ghofl: Public Space for Peace and Contention: Maydan al-Shuhada (Martyrs’ Square) Shaping Political and Social Spaces of the City of Tripoli, Libya

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

Florian Cappenerh: Hip-Hop in Kyrgyzstan’s Cities and Cultural Globalization (FES)

**Associated/Affiliated**

Dr. Nalida Fuccaro: A Cultural History of Oil

Dr. Jasmin Mohazi: Bahri yaal (our ocean/gene) – A mofeticual anthropological study of oral archives and embodied knowledge practices along the Swahili coast

Dr. Isidro Orozko: Ethnicity, Conflict and Localization of Politics in Ethiopia

**Associated/Affiliated**

Dr. Reyaz Alkhateeb: Symbols and Affiliation Among Radio Broadcasters (MIDA, DFG)

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**Individual Projects**

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

**Learning Intelligence**

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Dr. Sophia Hoffman (Head of Project): Learning Intelligence: The Exchange of Secret Service Knowledge between Germany and the Arab Middle East 1960–2010

Nouara Chalati: The Exchange of Intelligence between East Germany’s Ministry for State Security and the Syrian Intelligence and Security Apparatus, 1960-1990


**The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds**

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(Leibniz-Competition, starting 10/2020)

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