

### 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. 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

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

**Claudia Ghrawi:** Damascus 1946-1963: From the Re-invented 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 Knotte:** 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

### 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. AutoBiographical Exposures and Intersecting Pathways

#### Associated/Affiliated

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

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

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

### 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"

**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'ī (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

The project will be led by **Dr. Nitin Sinha** and be supported by four research fellows. Names and titles will be announced soon. (ERC, starting 1/2021)

#### 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)