

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

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: Young Syrian Mothers in Berlin-Marzahn: Housing and 'Home-Making' Practices (VW)

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

Dr. Tabea Scharrer: Transnationale Sozio-ökonomische Positionierung) 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

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

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

Associated/Affiliated

Prof. Dr. Shadia Hussein de Araújo: "Green Halal": Multiple, Translocal, and Enacted through Encounters (AvH)

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

Juliane Schumacher: Knowledge, Temporalities and Questions of Justice. Negotiating Coastal Futures in West Africa in Times of Climate Change (Andrea-von-Braun Stiftung)

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

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)

Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Transforming Memories: Morocco in the Aftermath of the Truth and Reconciliation Instance

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

PD Dr. Norman Saadi Nikro: Edward Said. AutoBiographical Exposures and Intersecting Pathways

Associated/Affiliated

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

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

Dr. Nelida Fuccaro: A Cultural History of Oil

Dr. David Leupold: Relicts of (Another) Past: Crafting Soviet Urbanity and its Material Afterlife in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus

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)

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. 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 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)'

Dr. Frédéricick Madore: Salafism and Pentecostalism on University Campuses in Benin and Togo since the 1970s: Lived Religion in Secular Contexts (Remoboko, Leibniz Competition)

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

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

Rahina Muazu, PhD: From Calabar to Berlin: Girls Trafficking from Nigeria to Europe and the Role of African Traditional Religion (Thyssen)

Dr. Benedikt Pontzen: Rethinking Religious Diversity: Living with Spirits in Asante, Ghana

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

Dr. Besnik Sinani: Post-Salafism: The Contestation of Contemporary Saudi Salafism (Thyssen)

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

Georg Forster Research Award

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)

Associated/Affiliated

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

Dr. Talha Çiçek: The Stubborn 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

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 Preservers of Raison d'État. Comparison and Analysis of Collaboration between the Bundesnachrichtendienst and Jihaz Al-Mukhabarat Al-Amma from 1969–1990

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: Fixing the Future: Money, Morality and Disability in Colonial and Postcolonial Karachi

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

The Historicity of Democracy in the Arab and Muslim Worlds (Leibniz Competition)

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 Hajjaji: 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

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)

Jamshid Hussein: Re-Interpretation der familiären Sozialisation bei syrischen Zuwander_innen in Deutschland. (Normality and Crisis, BMBF)