



PROGRAMME

“Minorities in Imperial Space” Between Equality and the Promotion of Difference

Conference, 9 – 11 June 2022
Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient
Kirchweg 33
14129 Berlin

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Thursday, 9 June 2022

13:00

Arrival and light lunch

14:00

Welcome and organizational matters

Ulrike Freitag and Stefan B. Kirmse (ZMO)

14:30

Session 1

Doing research on 'minorities' in imperial space – prospects and pitfalls

Stefan B. Kirmse (ZMO)

Börries Kuzmany (University of Vienna)

Chair: Ulrike Freitag (ZMO)

16:00

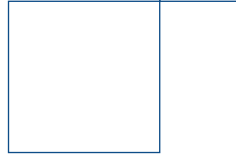
Coffee Break

Time to check in at local hotel

18:30

Dinner at nearby restaurant

Friday, 10 June 2022



9:15

Coffee

9:45–11:15

Session 2

'Minorities' and French colonial law

Papers by:

Saliha Belmessous (University of New South Wales, Sydney)

Olivier Le Cour Grandmaison (University of Évry Val d'Essonne, Paris/Évry)

Chair and discussant: Nora Lafi (ZMO)

11:15–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Session 3

Legal diversity and 'minorities' in the Habsburg Empire

Papers by:

Benno Gammerl (European University Institute, Florence)

Iva Lučić (Uppsala University)

Chair and discussant: Nenad Stefanov (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

13:00

Lunch at ZMO

14:00–15:00

Session 4

At the interstices of empire: law and diversity across the Indian Ocean

Papers by:

Nurfadzilah Yahaya (University of Singapore)

Torsten Tschacher (Universität Heidelberg)

Chair and discussant: Deepra Dandekar (ZMO) and Ulrike Freitag (ZMO)

15:00

Coffee Break

15:30–17:00

Session 5

The Russian Empire and the legal situation of its 'minorities'

Papers by:

Stephen Badalyan Riegg (Texas A&M University)

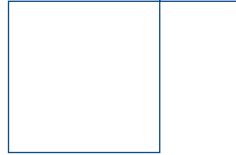
Nikolay Tsyrempilov (Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan)

Chair and discussant: Eugene Avrutin (University of Illinois)

18:30

Dinner at a local restaurant

Saturday, 11 June 2022



9:15

Coffee

9:45–11:15

Session 6

Law and 'minorities' under Ottoman rule

Papers by:

Elke Hartmann (Freie Universität Berlin)

Will Hanley (Florida State University)

Chair and discussant: İlkay Yılmaz (Freie Universität Berlin)

11:15–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Session 7

Colonial and indigenous law in the Spanish Empire

Papers by:

Tamar Herzog (Harvard University)

Yanna Yannakakis (Emory University)

Chair and discussant: Manuel Bastias Saavedra (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt)

13:00

Lunch at ZMO

13:45–14:30

Session 8

Concluding session and publication plans

About ZMO

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) is the only German research institute devoted to an interdisciplinary and comparative study of the Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia from a historical perspective. Current research focuses on the interaction between predominantly Muslim societies and their relations with non-Muslim neighbours.

ZMO was founded in 1996 as an independent non-profit research center and is part of the Geisteswissenschaftliche Zentren Berlin e.V. On 1 January 2017, ZMO was admitted to the joint research promotion by the Bund-Länder Commission and became a member of the Leibniz Association. Its current director is Prof. Dr. Ulrike Freitag, a Modern Middle East historian.

The ZMO research programme for 2020–24 is entitled: Thinking through Translocal Entanglements: Perspectives from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. It investigates historical and present socio-economic dynamics and cultural developments from the 16th century to the present from the perspective of Muslim regions and societies. ZMO's research fellows currently work in these four research units:

I Age and Generation

II Environment and Justice

III Representations of the Past

IV Contested Religion

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Information on Reimbursement and Public Transport

We ask that participants book their own transportation (train or flight) to Berlin.

Please provide us with the original ticket receipts and, if available, the original tickets. It is important that the exact price of the trip is stated. **The plane, train and public transport tickets need to be handed over to us in Berlin by the end of the conference.** The tickets for your return trip (as well as the public transport ticket for your journey from the hotel to the airport) should be sent to ZMO by post.

Due to legal reasons, we cannot reimburse taxi trips, but Berlin has good public transport and we can reimburse you for public transport trips from your place of accommodation to ZMO and back. Ticket machines are available at every underground or S-Bahn [above-ground urban rail] station. **Please buy a single-trip ticket (Einzelfahrschein) for every journey, and make sure to validate it before boarding the train.** A ticket bought from one of the ticket machines will not be automatically validated – to validate it, you need to stick the ticket into a separate device which is placed near the ticket machine. The ticket will then get a little stamp indicating the date and time, and from then on, it will be valid for 2 hours. While it is technically possible to buy digital public transport tickets through the BVG app, we advise you not to do that, as we cannot guarantee that we can reimburse those tickets. A single-trip ticket costs 3€, and it will be easiest to pay in cash, since the ticket machines do not accept all types of credit cards (though visa or mastercard should work).

Once we have received all the receipts and tickets, we will take care of the reimbursement. The money will be transferred to your bank account, so during the conference, we will provide you with the necessary form for filling in the required information.

Coronavirus precautions at ZMO

Reliable, up-to-date information about the Covid-situation in Germany is available on the website of the Robert-Koch-Institute, which is a government agency and research institute.

Regarding regulations at ZMO, there is a requirement to wear FFP2 masks in all public spaces (corridors etc.). Additionally, all conference participants are asked to test themselves. Tests will be available at the Centre for this purpose. Staff members are also asked to test themselves regularly.

In the conference room, we have an air purifier with sufficient power to filter the air in this big room, equipped with a HEPA H-14-filter geared towards filtering out viruses. Furthermore, CO₂-concentration is measured and the room will be aired sufficiently (extensive airing is luckily no problem in June). Depending on the eventual number of participants, it might not be possible to keep 2m distance between all the participants while seated, but if some participants are more worried, they can be positioned in such a way that keeping a distance is possible. Apart from this situation, it is possible to keep physical distancing at the Centre. We do also have a spacious courtyard and garden that can be used during the breaks.

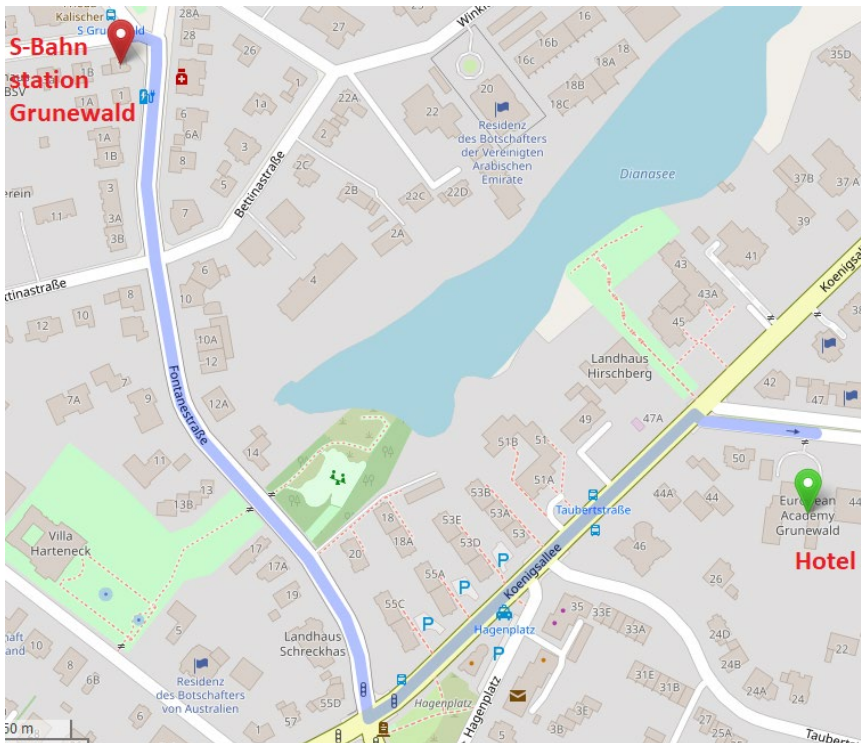
How to get to ZMO

For those staying at the conference hotel: The address is European Academy Berlin, Bismarckallee 46-48, 14193 Berlin.

[Note of caution for those using Google Maps or a similar service to help find the way: be sure to type in “Bismarckallee” exactly – Berlin also has a “Bismarckstrasse”, but that is a different street located in a different part of the city!]

From the hotel, it is a 10-minute walk to the nearest S-Bahn [above-ground urban rail] station, “Grünwald”.

1. Head west on Bismarckallee toward Königsallee
2. Turn left onto Königsallee
3. Turn right onto Fontanestrasse
4. Turn left to S-Bahn station Grünwald (marked by a round sign with the letter S in white on green background)



From Grunewald station, take the S7 line in the direction of "Potsdam Hbf". Get off the S-Bahn at the next stop, Nikolassee.

From Nikolassee station, it is 10-minute walk to ZMO:

1. The exit from the platform is near the front of the train you arrived on. Go down the stairs and then turn left. Go up the stairs, you should pass by a bakery and a flower shop, then exit the building.
2. Cross the street and walk down Normannenstrasse. Cross the street "An der Rehwiese" and continue walking straight on (to your left and right will be a large meadow), until you reach the pedestrian stairs.
3. Walk up the stairs, then immediately turn right onto Kirchweg. Keep following the street until you reach ZMO.

Destination: Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Kirchweg 33, 14129 Berlin.

