International Workshop

**Big Dams: Investigating their Temporal and Spatial Politics in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia**

Berlin, 1-2 June 2012

Zentrum Moderner Orient

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Programme

Friday, June 1st

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome, Outline and Organisational Matters of the Workshop

9:15 - 11:00 Panel 1

Scalarity I: Global/Local Interplay in 'Politics of Development'
Discussant: Katrin Bromber, ZMO

Cyrus Schayegh: The Karaj Dam Affair: Post-War Consumerist Expectations, the Politics of Promise, and the Cold War in the Third World (Iran)

Jason Verber: Stopping the River without Stemming the Tide: West Germany, the Cahora Bassa Dam, and Decolonization (Mozambique)

Stephan Miescher: "Nkrumah's Baby": The Akosombo Dam and Programs of Modernization in Ghana, 1952-1966

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45 Panel 2

Scalarity II: Sovereignty and the Impact of Transnational Actors
Discussant: Florian Riedler, ZMO

Vanessa Lamb: Remaking the National Border in Cross-Border Resource Development: The Case of the Nu-Salween River Development at the Thai-Burma Border

Erdem Evren: Along and Against the Stream: Techno-Capitalist Development and the Politics of Water on the Çoruh River, Turkey

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 15:30 Panel 3

The Politics of Temporality
Discussant: Katharina Lange, ZMO

Eric Dinmore: The Kuroyon Dam: Channeling River Water to What End? (Japan)

Saturday, June 2nd

16:00 Debated Projects of Progress in Berlin: Discussion with Dorothea Härlin of the 'Berlin Water Table' and 'Commons in Citizens Hands' (GiB) on Water and Privatization

9:15 - 10:30 Panel 4

Discourses and Practices of Governmentality
Discussant: Erdem Evren, ZMO

Jennifer Derr: The Source of the Modern Nile. Environmental Infrastructure, Agricultural Space and the Production of Egyptian Citizens (1952)

Mohira Suyarkulova: The Rogun Controversy: Between National Idea and International Conflict (Tajikistan/Uzbekistan)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:15 Panel 5

Agency "From Below", Subaltern Actors
Discussant: Jeanne Féaux de la Croix, ZMO

Alia Mossalam: "We are the ones who made this dam 'high'." A Builders' History of the Aswan High-Dam


12:15 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 Final Discussion

Concluding Thoughts: Katrin Bromber, Jeanne Féaux de la Croix, Katharina Lange, ZMO