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Conference

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Event location:

Hotel Berlin, Berlin // Lützowplatz 17 //
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The conference "Contested Knowledge in a Connected World" brings together researchers from the large-scale research project "Knowledge Unbound: Internationalisation, Networking, Innovation in and by the Max Weber Stiftung". The project is pursuing the aims of opening up innovative areas of research, strengthening the internationalisation of the foundation's activity and expanding cooperation between the foundation's institutes and external partners.

The conference title reflects the project's fundamental direction: adhering to the precept of pursuing "knowledge unbound". It focuses on selected research areas – which, in addition to Europe, comprise key regions such as the Near and Middle East, the Pacific region and the former "Eastern Bloc". By exploring knowledge relationships and practices in various contexts, such as migration, mobility and exclusion, the conference will present multifaceted perspectives from a truly transregional research project.

Program

Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:30 – 10:30 **Opening Session/Ceremony**
Keynote
Matthias Hack (BMBF)
Elke Seefried (MWS)
Herfried Münkler (Keynote address)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **Directors' Discussion Panel**
"Knowledge Unbound: Multiple Perspectives on a Transregional Research Project/Group"
Sandra Dahlke
Christina von Hodenberg
Simone Lässig
Birgit Schäßler
Chair: Miloš Řezník

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break (at the venue)

13:30 – 15:00 **Panel**
"Relations in the Ideospace: Entanglements of Knowledge between the Middle East and the Eastern Bloc"
Discussant/Chair: Birgit Schäßler
Mikuláš Pešta:
"The World Marxist Review as a Cosmopolitan Space in Socialist Prague: Naim Ashhab and the Middle Eastern Delegates in the Editorial Office of a Global Journal"
Zaur Gasimov:
"Knowledge, Entanglement and Relationships between Iran and Eastern Europe: The Case of Kaweh Pur Rahnama (1937-2012)"
Elmin Aliyev:
"Female Militants of 'Bizim Radyo' and the Ideological Conflict in the TKP Foreign Bureau in Leipzig"
Dorota Woroniecka-Krzyżanowska:
"Architecture and Academic Mobilities during the Cold War: The case of Mosul University"

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 **Panel**
"Migration and Exclusion in the Pacific Realm"
Chair: Simone Lässig
Discussant: Christina Philips
Simon Rowedder:
"Going down by Road and Rail: Old and New Dynamics of Chinese Overland Migration to Southeast Asia"
[pre-recorded presentation]
Albert Manke:
"Coping with Exclusion: Free Chinese Migrants in the Americas in a Transregional and Diachronic Perspective"
Sören Urbansky:
"Faces of Fear: A Global History of Anti-Chinese Stereotypes"

17:00 – 17:15 Short Break

17:15 – 18:30 **Thematic Discussion**
"Reshaping Gender Norms: The Intersections and Transformations of Gendered Empowerment"
Discussant/Chair: Christina von Hodenberg
Melike Şahinol / Burak Taşdizen:
"Entangled Empowerment: Connecting Shared Hair Transplantation Practices for Men in Turkey and Iran"
Jane Freeland:
"Empowerment in the Media: Feminism and the West German Press"

19:00 Conference Dinner (restaurant at the venue)

Program

Friday, September 17, 2021

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Panel**
“Challenges in the Socialist Ideospace: Experiences and Perspectives of Middle Eastern Students”
Chair/Discussant: Ala Al-Hamarneh
Stella Kneifel:
“Differing Perspectives within the Ideospace: Middle Eastern Students in the GDR between Endorsement and Critique of Marxism-Leninism”
Olga Nefedova:
“Arab Art Students in the USSR in 1959-1979: Ideology and Life Worlds”
Constantin Katsakioris:
“Algerian Art Students in the Socialist Countries during the Algerian War, 1954-1962”
Ekaterina Vasileva:
“From Marxism-Leninism to Postcolonialism (avant la lettre): Three Generations of Iraqi Media Students in the USSR”
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Thematic Discussion**
“Capitalism in Motion: Practice and Representation”
Discussant/Chair: Martin Baumeister
Yufei Zhou:
“Imagining Capitalism in Early Twentieth Century Japan: The Discourse on the Capitalist Spirit, the Corporation and the Modern Menschentyp”
[pre-recorded presentation]
Carlo Taviani:
“From Merchant Network to Institutions: Genoese Traders between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic (15th-16th centuries)”
- 12:00 – 12:15 Short Break

- 12:15 – 13:15 **Thematic Discussion**
“Ties That (Un)Bind: The Performativity of Tradition in Knowledge Practices”
Discussant/Chair: Katja Rieck
Kamyar Nematollahy:
“Is This Music Traditional?: A Discussion Around the Notion and Function of Tradition in Iranian Classical Music”
Shahrzad Irannejad:
“Iranian ‘Traditional’ Medicine: Local Responses to a Global Trend”
- 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch Break (at the venue)
- 14:15 – 15:45 **Panel**
“Climate and Energy Policy in the Asia-Pacific”
Chair: Franz Waldenberger
Discussant: Felix Mallin
Shaun Lin-Ziqiang:
“Sustainability Defence: Nature and Environment in Global City-state Singapore”
[pre-recorded presentation]
Sarah Beringer:
“The California-China Cooperation on Clean Energy and Climate Change: Between Knowledge Exchange and Industrial Policy”
Benjamin Beuerle:
“Renewable Energies, Coal, and Traffic in the Russian Far East: Regional and Transnational Perspectives”
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Presentation Of the Virtual Exhibition:**
„Forms, Voices, Networks: The Media and the Fight for Women’s Rights in Germany, India and the UK”
Christina von Hodenberg
Maya Caspari
Jane Freeland

- 17:00 – 18:00 **Closing Remarks**
Martin Baumeister
Birgit Schäbler
Sebastian Schwecke
Franz Waldenberger
Richard Wittmann
Chair: Johanna Beamish

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