

For several decades empires have been a central topic of international research; the attempts to grasp both the unique character of every single empire and their functional similarities are legion. Most studies are concerned and struggle with a comprehensive definition of exercising imperial power. After all, the term empire does not only refer to the formation of hierarchical power structures but also comprises the coexistence of different power practices and correspondingly the manifestations of specific regimes of rule within imperial realms. This coexistence of different imperial formations, however, was also significantly characterized by cooperation, inasmuch as for example scientific conferences, diplomatic relations or general exchange of practices concerning colonial rule represented fields of mutual willingness to learn from each other. In focusing on interimperial encounters the conference highlights ideas of empire that originated in imperial contact zones and follows them to their materializations and implementations within specific political, social and cultural frameworks.

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FURTHER EVENTS IN WINTERTERM 2012/13

January 14th – Morphomata Lectures Cologne
Oliver Krüger (Fribourg) Tod und Bestattung als Business. Eine soziologische Annäherung

January 21st – Morphomata Lectures Cologne
Silvana Figueroa-Dreher (Konstanz) Figurationen des Todes in Argentinien. Das Phänomen San La Muerte

January 28th – Morphomata Lectures Cologne
Marcello Barbanera (Rom) „Un principe sicondo il suo cuore“ („Ein Prinz nach seinem Herzen“). Die Dehierarchisierung der Macht vor der Kunst

January 29th – Filmscreening at a.r.t.e.s.
Mieke Bal (Amsterdam) A Long History of Madness



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH

- 10.00 Welcome Address & Introduction
Dietrich Boschung (Cologne)
Volker Barth & Roland Cvetkovski (Cologne)

Connecting Colonialisms

- 10.45 **Ulrike Lindner** (Bielefeld) European Colonial Experts, New Forms of Knowledge Exchange and the Development of Expert Institutions at the End of the 19th Century
11.30 **Florian Wagner** (Florence) Conceptualizing Empires: European Colonial Associations between Theory and Practice of Colonialism (1870-1914)
12.15 Lunch

Labor Policies

- 14.00 **Minu Haschemi Yekani** (Florence) (Transnational) Circuits of Labor: Asian Indentured Laborers and Interimperial Recruitment Practices in German East Africa (1885-1914)
14.45 **Eric Allina** (Ottawa) The »Best Colonizing Principles«: Labor Policy and »Native Administration« in Colonial Mozambique
15.30 Coffee break

Exploiting Resources

- 15.45 **David Schorr** (Tel Aviv) The British Empire and Interimperial Transfers of Water Law, 1870-1950
16.30 **Christian Lotz** (Marburg) Facing a Timber-Frontier? Imperial Governments, International Conferences and the Problem of Calculating Future Prospects of Timber Supply in Northern Europe, 1850-1914

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

- 10.00 Keynote
John M. MacKenzie (Lancaster) European Imperialism: a Zone of Co-operation rather than Competition?

- 11.00 Coffee Break

Claiming Authority

- 11.15 **Alexander Morrison** (Liverpool) Competitive Emulation in the Russian Conquest of Central Asia
12.00 Lunch

Military and Violence

- 13.30 **Susanne Kuß** (Freiburg) Franco-German Military Cooperation in the Boxer War 1900/01
14.15 **Jonas Kreienbaum** (Rostock) Deadly Learning? Concentration Camps and Zones in Colonial Wars around 1900

Adaptation and Counterbalance

- 15.00 **Torsten Weber** (Freiburg) »Asia« as Empire: Modes of Cooperation and Hegemony in Interimperial Discourse after the First Sino-Japanese War (1894/95)
15.45 Coffee Break

Concluding Comments and Final Discussion

- 16.00 **Ulrike von Hirschhausen** (Rostock)

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