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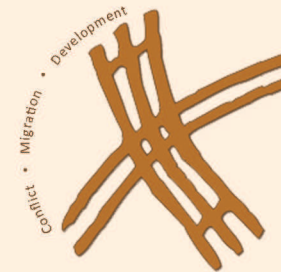
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 Crossroads Studies: Mobilities, Immobilities  
 and the Issue of Positionality for  
 Rethinking Area Studies  
 University of Bonn, Heussallee 18-24



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# Thursday, 27 November

08:00-09:30 Arrival and Registration

## 09:30-11:00 WELCOME NOTE

Crossroads Studies: Mobilities, Immobilities and the Issue of Positionality for Rethinking Area Studies

**Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Crossroads Asia/Center for Development Research Bonn)**

## KEYNOTE

21<sup>st</sup> Century Legacies of Area Studies – Theoretical and Strategic Responses to Multiplying Hegemonies and the Neoliberal University

**Peter Jackson (Australian National University)**

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

## 11:30-13:00 PANEL 1

To Be or Not to Be is Not the Question: Rethinking Area Studies in its Own Right

**Chair: Claudia Derichs (University of Marburg/University of Duisburg-Essen)**

**Cynthia Chou (University of Copenhagen)**

*The Case for Reconceptualising Southeast Asian Studies*

**Ali Fathollah-Nejad (German Orient Institute & Free University of Berlin)**

*Rethinking "Middle Eastern Studies": Analytical and Conceptual Queries and Propositions*

**Dandekar Deepra (University of Heidelberg)**

*Margins of Center? Kokani Sufi Muslims between India and 'Arabastan'*

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

## 14:30-16:00 PANEL 2

The Nexus Mobility/Immobility in Rethinking Area Studies

**Chair: Dietrich Reetz (Crossroads Asia/Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin)**

**Seonyoung Seo (National University of Singapore)**

*Transnational Spaces and Governmentality in Nepal - South Korea Labour Migration*

**Aftab Nasir (Center for Development Research Bonn)**

*Boon or Burden: The Obligations of Vartan Bhanji and Coping Strategies of Poor Households of Different Biraderis Living in Rural Punjab*

**Anastasia Christou (Middlesex University)**

*Gendered Histories of Resilience and Resistance: Eastern European Women's Narratives of Mobility and Survival*

**Henryk Alff (Crossroads Asia/Center for Development Studies Berlin)**

*Red Lines for Uncivilised Trade? Fixity, Mobility and Position on Almaty's Changing Bazaars*

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

## 16:15-18:00 PANEL 3

Re-Imagining Communities: Borderlands, Nation States and Power of Epistemological Ordering

**Chair: Hermann Kreutzmann (Crossroads Asia/ Centre for Development Studies Berlin)**

**Linh Nguyen (Syracuse University)**

*Immigrants to the Land: On the Borders between the Water World and the Land World*

**Radikha Gupta (University of Göttingen)**

*Acts of Imagination: Sustaining Kargil as a Crossroads on the India-Pakistan 'Border'*

**Jagannath Panda (Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses New Delhi)**

*The Borderless BCIM: Between the Politics of Sub-Regional Cooperation and Coexistence*

**Emrah Yildiz (Harvard University)**

*Golden Shoes and Tobacco Seats: Sanctions and Transactions across the Iran/Turkey Border*

19:00 Dinner

# Friday, 28 November

## 09:00-10:30 PANEL 4

Positionality: Situating Knowledge(s) between Multiple Verges

**Chair: Christoph Antweiler (University of Bonn)**

**Catherina Wenzel, Ulrike Kollodzeiski & Karsten Schmidt (University of Frankfurt)**

*Configurations of Positioning and Dialogue in the Dynamics of European-Asian Encounters in the 17th/18th Century*

**Bianca Boteva-Richter (University of Vienna)**

*The Society of Betweenness - Migration and Identities of Migrants*

**Andreas Benz (Crossroads Asia/Center for Development Studies Berlin)**

*Positionality at the Crossroads: Gendered Lifeworlds, Social Situatedness and the Relational Production of Place in the Context of Student Migration to Gilgit, Pakistan*

## 10:30-12:15 PANEL 5

'Mid-Range Concepts' as Tools for Emic-Etic Practice

**Chair: Conrad Schetter (Crossroads Asia/Bonn International Center for Conversion)**

**Gudrun Lachenmann (University of Bielefeld)**

*Developing Mid-Range Concepts in 'Global Ethnography': From Researching Knowledge Systems and Systems of Ignorance to Translocal Structuration of (Gendered) Fields and Spaces*

**Antía Mato Bouzas (Crossroads Asia/Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin)**

*Re-Bordering: Some Reflections on the Kashmir Space*

**Andreas Wilde & Katja Mielke (Crossroads Asia/University of Bamberg & Center for Development Research Bonn)**

*The Social Order Concept: An Invitation to Non-Normative Ordering in Research*

*Approaches to Past and Contemporary Local Politics*

**Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Crossroads Asia/ Center for Development Research Bonn)**

*Variants of Differentiation in Resources Governance Khorezm, Uzbekistan:*

*What are 'Mid-Range Concepts'?*

12:15 -13:30 Lunch break

## 13:30-15:00 PANEL 6

Deschooling (Academic) Society: Pedagogy, Practice and Policy

**Chair: Ines Stolpe (University of Bonn)**

**Jeanine Dagyeli (Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin)**

*Fluid or Perpetual? Conceptions of the Central Asian Region and its Study in Local Textbooks*

**Philip Paje (University of the Philippines)**

*Positioning 'Civilization Blocs' in the Teaching of Area Studies Courses*

**Annika Fuhrmann (Cornell University)**

*"This Area is [NOT] Under Quarantine": Rethinking Southeast Asian Studies With (New) Media*

**Epifania Amoo-Adare (Crossroads Asia/Center for Development Research Bonn)**

*Teaching to Transgress: Crossroads Studies and Adventures in [?]-Disciplinary*

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

## 15:30-17:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Area Studies as a Building Block for Science Policy:

Making Sense of Interdisciplinary Complexities

**Chair: Detlef Müller-Mahn (University of Bonn)**

**Heike Holbig (University of Frankfurt)**

*The Fluidity of Regions – Rethinking (East and Southeast) Asian Area Studies at the Intersections of Cultural Studies and Social Sciences*

**Olaf Kaltmeier (University of Bielefeld)**

*The Americas as Space of Entanglement: An outline for a New Approach to Area Studies*

**Vincent Houben (Dorisea/Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)**

*New Area Studies at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin*

**Matthias Middell (CrossArea/University of Leipzig)**

*CrossArea: Interest Group Formation in Research and Education*

**Sabine Eilers (Federal Ministry of Education and Research)**

*Purpose and Content of the BMBF Funding Priority 'Strengthening and Advancing Area Studies'*

## 17:00-17:30 CLOSING REMARKS

**Ingeborg Baldauf (Crossroads Asia/Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)**