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Thursday, 22 September

10:30-12:30 **Pre-Conference Roundtable**

Situation der Area Studies *in Deutschland* (in German, in collaboration with **CrossArea e.V.**)

13:00 -14:30 Registration

14:30-15:00 **Welcome Address**

Claus Bech Hansen (Crossroads Asia Coordinator)

15:00-16:15 **Public Keynote Lecture**

Shelley Feldman (Cornell University), *Decommodifying Knowledge: Recuperating the Interdisciplinarity of Area Studies*

16:15 -16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 **Book Presentation**

Area Studies at the Crossroads. Knowledge Production after the Mobility Turn, edited by **Katja Mielke** (Bonn International Center for Conversion) and **Anna-Katharina Hornidge** (Leibniz-Zentrum für Marine Tropenökologie (ZMT) and University of Bremen)

18:30-20:00 **Tour of the City of Bonn**

Cultural and historical highlights. Please register in advance.

Friday, 23 September

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-10:30 **Session I**
Querying Power Constellations and Destabilizing Epistemic Regimes

Panel 1a. Deconstruction of Western Knowledge and the Category 'Other'

Chair: **Dietrich Reetz** (Crossroads Asia, ZMO Berlin)

Anindya Sekhar Purkayastha (Kazi Nazrul University): *Developmentalism, the Anthropocene and Associated Eurocentric Epistemic Structures in South Asia with a Specific Focus on India*

Zarifa Mamedova (TU Dortmund): *"Sultanism" and Political Culture in Turkmenistan*

Andreas Mandler (ZEF, University of Bonn): *Understanding Knowledge Hegemonies in Local Epistemic Cultures. Findings from Smallholder Farmers in Tajikistan*

Roundtable 1b. Reshaping Places – Mastering Uncertainty: A Second Take on Area Studies (AS) in the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe

Chair: **Claus Bech Hansen** (Crossroads Asia, ZEF, University of Bonn)

Rebecka Lettevall (Södertörn University): *How Challenges to AS, not Least from Globalization, Call for Critical Area Studies*

Jenny Gunnarson Payne (Södertörn University): *Fieldwork on Transnational and Trans-local Phenomena with Examples from Reproductive Medicine*

Kazimierz Musiał (Södertörn University): *Reflection on Language Use and Linguistic Competence in Pursuing Critical AS*

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 **Session II**
Mapping the Socio-Spatial Complexity of Human and Non-Human Interactions

Panel 2a. Shedding Light on Agency and the Social Construction of Space

Chair: **Anna-Katharina Hornidge** (Crossroads Asia, ZMT, University of Bremen)

Henryk Alff (Crossroads Asia, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography) and **Andreas Benz** (Crossroads Asia, University of Augsburg): *The Multi-Dimensionality of Space: Challenging Spatial Bias in the Production of Places*

Patrick Köllner (GIGA Hamburg): *Comparative Area Studies: What It Is, What It Can Do*

Martin Sökefeld (Crossroads Asia, LMU Munich): *Crossroads Studies and the State: Anthropological Perspectives*

Manja Stephan-Emmrich (HU Berlin): *Digital Mediations: iPhones, Emotions and Piety in the Spatial Biographies of Tajik Student Travelers in Dubai*

1a - 4a: Room 0.008
1b - 4b: Room 0.009

2b. Space, Place and Time

Chair: **Hermann Kreutzmann** (Crossroads Asia, FU Berlin)

Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi (Crossroads Asia, LMU Munich): *The Temporality of Place: Shifting Spatialities in China's Inner Asian Borderland*

Thomas White (Cambridge University): *Recognising the Service of Camels to the Nation: Spatial Politics and Non-Human Animals in China's Multiethnic Borderlands*

Madlen Kobi (Zurich University): *An Ethnography of the Construction Site: Approaching Regional and Spatial Connections of Urban Places in Northwest China*

12:15-13:45 Lunch Break

13.45-15.15 **Session III**
Critical Conceptual and Methodological Intersections with Area Studies

Panel 3a. Exploring Methodological Limits and Possibilities in Area Studies Research

Chair: **Eva Youkhana** (Crossroads Asia, ZEF, University of Bonn)

Elena Trubina (Ural Federal University): *Area Studies as the Challenge for Comparative Urbanism*

Helena Cermeño (ZEF, University of Bonn): *Access to the City: a Comparative Research of Urban Assemblages in Amritsar (India) and Lahore (Pakistan)*

Cornelia Reiher (FU Berlin) and **Sarah Ruth Sippel** (University of Leipzig): *Food and Area Studies: A New Research Agenda for Analyzing Power in the Global Agri-Food System*

Roundtable 3b. Intersections of Area Studies, Post-Colonial Studies, Cold War Studies and Future Studies, Taking the Example of Development Discourses

Chair: **Shelley Feldman** (Cornell University)

Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Crossroads Asia, ZMT Bremen)
Sandra Kurfürst (GSSC, University of Cologne)
Wolfram Schaffar (University of Vienna)
Ines Stolpe (University of Bonn)

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 **Session IV**
Positionality and the Space(s) of Knowledge Production

Panel 4a. Re-constructing Positionalities in Area Studies Research

Chair: **Epifania Amoo-Adare** (Crossroads Asia, ZEF, University of Bonn)

Elena Smolarz (Crossroads Asia, University of Bonn): *Frontier, Borderland, Space-in-Between. Conceptualizing the Space of Encounter and Interaction in the Kazakh Steppe of 19th Century Academic Discourse*

Lenny Martini (ZEF, University of Bonn): *A Positionality Reflection of a Native Researcher in Bandung, Indonesia*

Jelena Gledić (Belgrade University): *Shaping Science: Area Studies and Empirical Research of "Asians"*

Bianca Boteva-Richter (University of Vienna): *Home and Homelessness in and Through Migration. The Un-Place as the New Global Localisation*

Panel 4b. Borders and the Politics of Belonging

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

Antía Mato-Bouzas (Crossroads Asia, ZMO Berlin): *(B)ordering and the Politics of Belonging*

Just Boedeker (Berlin): *Longing for a State – Belonging to an Anti-State and, Above All: Being Betwixt and Between*

Gennaro Errichiello (Loughborough University, UK): *The Politics of Belonging. The Pakistani Community in Dubai*

Seema Kazi (Center for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi): *Borders, Conflict, Belonging: Kashmir and Manipur*

Eva Youkhana (Crossroads Asia, ZEF, University of Bonn): *A Conceptual Shift in Studies of Belonging and the Politics of Belonging*

17:15-17:30 **Closing remarks**

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How to Register

Please send an e-mail by **15 September 2016** to **crossroads@uni-bonn.de** with your full name, affiliation and e-mail address, with the subject line "Registration for Crossroads Asia Conference 2016." All conference events are free. Let us know in your e-mail if you would like to join the city of Bonn tour.

How to Get There

From Bonn's main train station, take one of the following underground lines to the station *Heussallee-Museumsmeile*:

U16/63 (toward Bad Godesberg)

U 66/68 (toward Bad Honnef - Ramersdorf)

From the station *Heussallee-Museumsmeile,* Walter-Flex-Str. 3 is a 3 min. walk.

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