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

Panel 2a. Shedding Light on Agency and the Social Construction of Space
Chair: Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Crossroads Asia, ZMT, University of Bremen)

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 Multietnic 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)

Antia 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 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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