



CROSSROADS ASIA



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Filmmakers Joe Hill and Patrik Nehls together with Epifania Amoo-Adare and the audience at the screening of “[In the Lap of the Mountains: The Irrigation Systems of Ladakh’s Farming Communities](#)”. Contact [Joe Hill](#) for a copy of the film.

Highlights

CROSSROADS ASIA @ ZEF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Within the framework of the ZEF Advisory Board Meeting, 16-19 September 2015, Markus Kaiser held a presentation for the ZEF Advisory Board members and ZEF researchers describing the research network Crossroads Asia.

The subsequent discussion was mainly centered on the following topics:

- Rethinking the term “area”, without giving it up
- Concepts of place and scale and their importance for flows
- Geopolitical and private interests still play an important role in AS research
- Improvements to interdisciplinarity needed: input from economists desirable
- Importance of conceptualizing the rethinking-AS-debate in the broader context of rethinking social and natural sciences
- Methodological advancements from project phases and synthesis work

A more detailed overview of the discussion can be found [here](#).

NEW CROSSROADS WORKING PAPER

- » *Issue No. 30: “‘Functional’ governance as an alternative to ‘territorial’ governance? The case of the Kyrgyz irrigation sector and the implementation of Water User Associations (WUAs)” by F. Schmitt.*

NEW CROSSROADS ASIA FELLOWS

[Aksana Ismailbekova](#) will be conducting research on boundary making through inter-ethnic marriages in Osh as fellow researcher at the Center for Development Research and the Institute for Oriental and Asian Studies, University of Bonn, from **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2015**.

[Aziz Ali Dad](#) will be researching the marking of boundaries and markers of identities based on a case study of Gilgit-Baltistan. He will be hosted by Dr. Dietrich Reetz at the Zentrum Moderner Orient in Berlin from **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2015**.

Activities in the Network

MARKUS KAISER TO TAKE ON PRESIDENCY OF THE GERMAN-KAZAKH UNIVERSITY IN ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

Dr. Markus Kaiser has been appointed president of the [German-Kazakh University \(DKU\)](#), one of the few [German Universities abroad](#), starting 1 September 2015. In his new capacity, he would like to extend an invitation for continued cooperation and new joint projects, especially on water management issues, area studies, development studies, minority and migration studies, as well as transnational educational projects.

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From left to right, at the International Conference on Transnational Education: Expectations and Challenges of Bi-National Universities 2015 in Kazan: Dr. Andreas Hoeschen, DAAD Head of Section Transnational Education Projects in Europe and Central Asia, Bonn, Dr. Dorothea Rüländ, DAAD Secretary General, Bonn, Dr. Markus Kaiser, President German-Kazakh University, Almaty, Prof. Dr. Olga Moskovchenko, Rector German-Kazakh University, Almaty, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. H.-Christian Brauweiler, WHZ Westsächsische Hochschule (Univ. of Applied Sciences), Zwickau.

CROSSROADS ASIA LECTURES - UPCOMING

ALI DAD, A.: “Together and Apart: The Case of Gilgit-Baltistan in the Context of the Kashmir Question”, ZMO, 19.11.2015.

ALI DAD, A.: “Boundaries and Identities: A Case Study of Gilgit-Baltistan”, ZEF, University of Bonn, 3.12.2015.

MATTHIAS SCHMIDT GRANTED PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUGSBURG

Crossroads Asia member, [Dr. Matthias Schmidt](#), has been appointed Professor of Human Geography at the Institute of Geography, University of Augsburg. [Dr. Andreas Benz](#) will join Professor's Schmidt's team as a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer.

Contact Matthias Schmidt at schmidt@geo.uni-augsburg.de.

ISMALBEKOVA, A.: “Dynamics of inter-ethnic relationships: kinship and marriage in the aftermath of conflict in Osh, Kyrgyzstan”, ZEF, University of Bonn, 2.12.2015.

CROSSROADS ASIA LECTURES - PAST

KANDIWAJ, W. M.: “Beyond kinship and tribe. New forms of solidarity and interest representation in Nangarhar Province (Afghanistan)”, Zentralasien Seminar, HU Berlin, 19.10.2015.

SHANATIBIEKE, M.: “China Kazakhs' Emigration to Kazakhstan from a Modernity Perspective”, ZEF, University of Bonn, 23.09.2015.

VAN SCHENDEL, W.: “Rethinking Asian Studies: Spaces, networks and flows”, ZELF, FU Berlin, 27.10.2015.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

AMANKWAH, K, SHTALTOVNA, A, KELBORO, G. & HORNIDGE, A.-K. (2015): A Critical Review of the Follow the Innovation Approach: Stakeholder collaboration and agricultural innovation development, ZEF Working Paper Series 138. Bonn: Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung.

BALDAUF, I. (2015): Milch und Honig in Takhar. In: Loy, T. & O. Günther (eds.): [Begegnungen am Hindukusch](#), Berlin: Edition tethys, 55-84.

CONERMANN, S. & SMOLARZ, E. (EDS., 2015): [Mobilizing Religion: Networks and Mobility](#). Bonner Asienstudien 12. Berlin: EBV. **INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY NETWORK MEMBERS:**

- » **BENZ, A. (2015):** The 'Karachi Factor' – The mobilizing power of religious networks in promoting migration and development in Ismaili communities of the Karakoram, 21-39.
- » **GRIESER, A. & SÖKEFELD, M. (2015):** Intersections of Sectarian Dynamics and Spatial Mobility in Gilgit-Baltistan, 83-110.
- » **MANDLER, A. (2015):** Mobilisation Religion to Access Arable Land in Tajikistan, 167-192.
- » **NADJABADI, S. R. (2015):** Mobilizing Religion. Encounters between Faith and Development: The Xeyrat Institution in Iran, 193-218.

DURDU, A. (2015): Unter Burqas. In: Loy, T. & O. Günther (eds.): [Begegnungen am Hindukusch](#), Berlin: Edition tethys, 148-158.

FEUER, H. & HORNIDGE, A.-K. (2015): Higher Education Cooperation in ASEAN: Building Towards Integration or Manufacturing Consent?. In: *Comparative Education* 51:3, 327-352.

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & MIELKE, K. (2015): Crossroads Studies – From spatial containers to studying the mobile. In: *META Middle East—Topics & Arguments* 4, 27-33.

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & MIELKE, K. (2015): Crossroads Studies: Mobilities & Immobilities for Rethinking Area Studies. In: *ZEF News*, 1/2015 (May).

ISMALBEKOVA, A. (2015): Constructing the authority of women through custom: Bulak village, Kyrgyzstan. In: *Direnberger, L., J. Cleuziou, & I. Karzabi (eds.): Special issue on 'Gender and Nationalism in Central Asia', Nationalities Papers*.

ISMALBEKOVA, A. (2015): Single Mothers in Osh: Well-being and coping strategies of women in the aftermath of the 2010 conflict in Kyrgyzstan. In: *Focaal. Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* 71, 114–127.

ISMALBEKOVA, A. (2015): Review of Roche, Sophie (2014): *Domesticating Youth: Youth Bulges and Socio-Political Implications in Tajikistan (Integration and Conflict Studies)*. Oxford and London: Berghahn Books. In: *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*. 23:3, 400-401.

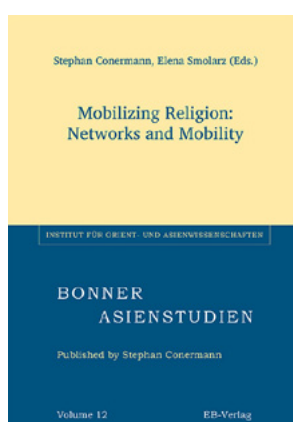
ITURRIZAGA, L., KREUTZMANN, H., HEWITT, K., LIU, SH. & M. FORT (2015): In Memoriam: Matthias Kuhle. In: *Journal of Mountain Science* 12:5, 1065-1067.

KAISER, M. (2015): [Kazakhstan's model of interethnic tolerance: a success story?](#). In: *ZEF News* 32, 4.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): [Pamirian Crossroads: Kirghiz and Wakhi of High Asia](#). Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): Boundaries and space in Gilgit-Baltistan. In: *Contemporary South Asia* 23:3, 276-291.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): Entwicklung im Schatten militärischer Sicherung. In: Loy, T. & O. Günther (eds.): [Begegnungen am Hindukusch](#). Berlin: Edition Tethys, 145-150.

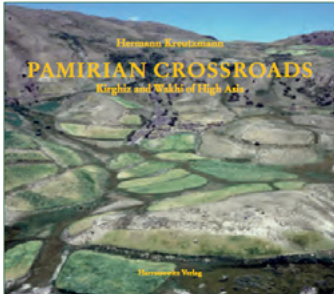


MOBILIZING RELIGION: NETWORKS AND MOBILITY

by **STEPHAN CONERMANN AND ELENA SMOLARZ** (eds.) (2015)

EB Verlag

This edited volume draws attention to religious aspects in modern, historical, political and social processes: spatial and social mobility, establishment of networked and globalized traditions as well as social development. What religious aspects might influence these processes and how? Scholars of Area Studies (Islamic Studies, Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Mongolian Studies, Central Asian Studies) as well as of Development Studies, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Political Studies and Studies of Comparative Religion discuss the role religion plays in these processes.

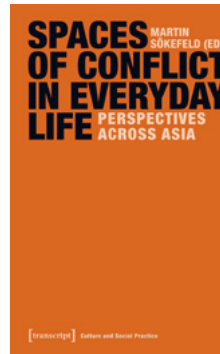


**PAMIRIAN
CROSSROADS.
KIRGHIZ AND
WAKHI OF HIGH
ASIA**

by **HERMANN
KREUTZMANN**
(2015)

Harrassowitz
Verlag

Pamirian Crossroads highlights the marginal borderlands in four neighbouring countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and Tajikistan – and analyzes the differentiating effects of imperial designs, colonial boundary-making, political intervention and administrative reforms on people living in a mountain environment. The material presented was collected during a fieldwork period spanning more than three decades, accompanied by archival research and the collection of historical illustrations along the Pamirian Crossroads and beyond.



**SPACES OF CONFLICT
IN EVERYDAY LIFE.
PERSPECTIVES ACROSS
ASIA**

by **MARTIN SÖKEFELD** (ed.)
(2015)

transcript Verlag

Focusing on particularly conflict-prone parts of Asia, the contributions to this book analyze the dynamics of conflicts from the perspectives of the actors involved, and pay particular attention to aspects like mobilization, exclusion, segregation, the role of institutions and the construction of antagonistic identities. The book gathers case studies based on long-term fieldwork from conflicts in Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Kashmir.

MIELKE, K. & SCHETTER, C. (2015): Der Fall Kundus. Ein Plädoyer für eine kritische Bestandsaufnahme statt militärischem Aktionismus. Bonn: BICC.

NOKKALA, N. (2015): Review of Kristian Coates Ulrichsen (2015): Qatar and the Arab Spring. London: Hurst. In: Welttrends 108, 55-56.

RZEHAJ, L. (2015): Entgleist in Afghanistan. In: Loy, T. & O. Günther (eds.): *Begegnungen am Hindukusch*. Berlin: Edition tethys, 129-141.

SCHÜTTE, S. & KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): Making a Living in Varanasi: Social Place and Socio-Economic Space. Berlin Geographical Papers 44, Berlin.

SÖKEFELD, M. (ED., 2015): *Spaces of Conflict in Everyday Life: Perspectives across Asia*. Bielefeld: transcript Verlag. Network contributions: **INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY NETWORK MEMBERS:**

- » **ISMAILBEKOVA, A. (2015):** Shifting Borders: Coping Strategies of Inhabitants in the Aftermath of the Osh Conflict, Kyrgyzstan, 33-56.
- » **MIELKE, K. (2015):** Not in the Master Plan. Dimensions of Exclusion in Kabul, 135-162.

SÖKEFELD, M. (2015): At the Margins of Pakistan: Political Relationships between Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. In: Kalia, R. (ed.): *Pakistan's Political Labyrinths*. New York: Routledge, 174-188.

WILDE, A. & MIELKE, K. (2014): Order, Stability, and Change in Afghanistan. From Top-Down to Bottom-Up State-Making. In: Goodhand, J. & M. Sedra (eds.): *The Afghan Conundrum. Intervention, Statebuilding and Resistance*. London, New York: Routledge, 353-370.

ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS

ALFF, H., BENZ, A. & KREUZMANN, H: Crossroads Asia Workshop at ZELF, Free University Berlin, 26-27.10.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K., SHTALTOVNA, A. & MANDLER, A.: "Tajikistan's Episteme, Crossroads Asia and Our Marine Future", workshop financed by the Volkswagen Foundation, at the Leibniz-Center for Tropical Marine Ecology, Bremen, 28-29.07.2015.

SCHETTER, C & MIELKE, K.: "Networks of Organised Violence", international conference, Universitätsclub Bonn, 28.10.2015.

SCHETTER, C. & MIELKE, K.: "Measuring/Monitoring conflict and peace – why, where and when does it make sense? Learning Lessons between Ireland and Afghanistan", workshop organized with FEST at BICC, 12.05.2015.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS - UPCOMING

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "SDGs and the Role of Research in the Past and in the Future", panel at Herrenhäuser Symposium "The Sustainable Development Goals and the Role of Research – A Focus on Coastal Regions", organised by the Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, 8-9.12.2015.

KAISER, M. & SCHÖNHUTH, M.: "Einmal Deutschland und wieder zurück. Umkehrstrategien von (Spät-)Aussiedlern im Kontext sich wandelnder Migrationsregime", presentation at the conference "Russian Germans in a Comparative Context: New Research Perspectives", Representation of the state Niedersachsen in Berlin, 18-19.11.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Geografien der Gewalt", lecture at Bonner Politik Forum, 19.11.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Afghanistan: von der Bürgerkriegs-zur Interventionsruine?", lecture at Urania Berlin, 25.11.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Afghanistan 2015: Verlässliche Partnerschaft und fragile Staatlichkeit – wie geht das zusammen?", lecture at Evangelische Akademie Villigst, 27-29.11.2015.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS - PAST

ALFF, H., BOEDEKER, J. & HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "The Key to the Border. Negotiating Political Borders and Sociocultural Boundaries along Asian Crossroads", presentation at the Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference, Lille Center for European Research on Administration, Politics and Society, 9-10.07.2015.

BECH HANSEN, C.: "Subaltern voices from the post-Soviet periphery: The translation of western epistemic cultures in Central Asia", presentation at the conference "Orientalism, colonial thinking and the former soviet periphery", Centre of Oriental Studies, Vilnius University, 27.08.2015.

BENZ, A.: "Migration, translocality and mountain development - insights from Gojal, northern Pakistan", presentation at the conference "Perth III: Mountains of Our Future Earth", Center for Mountain Studies, Perth, 5.10.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Dancing on the Borderline. Science Policy Research for Sustainable Development", "Marine Waterways. Zones of Multi-species Interaction and Tipping Points of Behavioral Change", "Working Group Development and Knowledge Sociology, Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge – An Introduction", Presentations at Meeting of International Advisory Board, Leibniz-Center for Tropical Marine Ecology, Bremen, 15.10.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "The Sustainable Development Goals and the Ocean", discussions with Members of the Parliament of Bremen, as part of 'Leibniz in the Bremen Parliament', 14.10.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Transformative Research beyond the Marine-Terrestrial Divide", keynote at the Euromarine Foresight Symposium "FutureCoast Europe", 5-7.10.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Marine Knowledge Scapes", presentation and "Coastal Planning and Protection", panel at the Sino-German Symposium, "Challenges and Perspectives in Coastal and Marine Sustainability", Center for Sino-German Cooperation in Marine Sciences, University of Bremen, 16-18.09.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Transformative Forschung und lokale Entwicklung", presentation at International Conference "Wissenschaft für die Gesellschaft. Transformative Wissenschaft, Partizipative Forschung und Soziale Innovation", at the University of Bozen, 4-5.09.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Marine Epistemologies: How 'Knowledge', 'Innovations' & 'Science Policy' matter in Marine Research", joint workshop by Leibniz-Center for Tropical Marine Ecology and Marum, University of Bremen, 25-26.07.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Doing Policy Analysis with the Sociology of Knowledge Approach to Discourse", panel organisation at the Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference, Prof. Reiner Keller present as Discussant, Lille, 9-10.07.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & SCHETTER, C.: "'Good Governance' and the Apolitical. The Governance of Protest in Uzbekistan and Pakistan", Governance workshop, University of Fribourg, Bern, 2-3.07.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & SCHETTER, C.: "Provokation und Alltagskultur. Eindrücke und Erzählungen aus Zentral- und Südasien", Lecture Series "Paris und seine Folgen", University of Bonn, 9.06.2015.

**KAZAKH-GERMAN UNIVERSITY
WATER MANAGEMENT AND AREA STUDIES
COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES**

KGU projects on **INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (IWRM)** in Central Asia are part of the Berlin Declaration on water diplomacy in Central Asia supported by the Foreign Office. Master courses are offered in Integrated Water Management in cooperation with [FU Berlin](#) and [Berlin Centre for Caspian Region Studies](#).

More information is available here:

[Water diplomacy in Central Asia](#)

[MA Degree Program Integrated Water Management \(KGU Almaty\)](#)

At the German-Kazakh University all IWRM related activities are headed by Dr. iur. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta (PhD).

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AREA STUDIES are conducted within the Research Institute for International and Regional Cooperation at the German-Kazakh University including Eurasian integration studies, ethnic Germans in Kazakhstan, and Kazakh-German relations.

The institute is headed by Director Prof. Dr. Bulat Sultanov.

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ISMALBEKOVA, A.: "Invisible borders. Coping strategies of inhabitants in the aftermath of the Osh conflict, Kyrgyzstan", presentation at the 14th Bi-Annual Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) on the topic „Central Asia in the XXI Century. Historical Trajectories, Contemporary Challenges and Everyday Encounters“, Zurich, 8-11.10.2015.

ISMALBEKOVA, A.: "Poetics of Patronage Patron and Kinsmen in Rural Kyrgyzstan", presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" on Scales of Knowledge: Zooming in and Zooming out. Heidelberg University, 7-8.10.2015.

JONIAK-LÜTHI, A.: "Roads in borderlands: Beyond the political geography of the state", panel at the 14th Bi-Annual Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS), Zurich, 8-11.10.2015.

JONIAK-LÜTHI, A.: "Xinjiang's infrastructure and China's strategy of Silk Road Economic Belt", The Annual Meeting of China's Geographical Society, Yining, 12-15.08.2015.

KAISER, M.: "Forms of transsociation as counter-processes to nation building in Central Asia", presentation at the workshop "Current Developments in Central Asia: Politics, Society and (inter)Regional Cooperation", Center for German and European Studies, Bielefeld University, 23-24.10.2015.

KAISER, M.: "There and back again. Imagined and lived homeland, returning strategies and belongings of late German repatriates" presentation and "Economics and Politics in Kazakhstan" panel at the 14th Bi-Annual Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS), Zürich, 11.10.2015.

KAISER, M.: "Einmal Deutschland und wieder zurück. Umkehrstrategien von (Spät)-Aussiedlern im Kontext sich wandelnder Migrationsregime", presentation at the conference "Ethnic Germans of Kazakhstan: a bridge between Astana and Berlin" of the German-Kazakh Association "Wiedergeburt" in Astana, 5-7.10.2015.

KAISER, M.: "Migration in Eurasia", presentation at the conference "Orientalism, colonial thinking and the former soviet periphery", Centre of Oriental Studies, Vilnius University, 27.08.2015.

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Present state and future prospects for sustainable development in the Pamirian Knot", keynote lecture at the Global Mountain Forum, Pasu (Gilgit-Baltistan), 29.08.2015.



Hermann Kreuzmann presenting his new book "Pamirian Crossroads. Kirghiz and Wakhi of High Asia" at the Global Mountain Forum 2015 in Pasu (Gilgit-Baltistan).

MIELKE, K.: "Negotiating Development in Rural Afghanistan: Property, Access, and Glocal Politics", presentation at the conference "The Glocalization of Development" organized by the Center for Conflict Studies of Philipps University Marburg, Hannover (Volkswagen Foundation), 8-11.07.2015.

MIELKE, K.: "Afghanistan as 'less properly glocalized setting'. A review of localizing property institutions in the last decade", presentation and "Forms of 're-traditionalization' processes as response to global and national norm promotion", panel at the 14th Bi-Annual Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS), Zürich, 8-11.10.2015.

NOKKALA, N.: "Die arabischen Golfmonarchien im Umbruch" presentation at „Werkstattgespräche für Nachwuchswissenschaftler“ at DAVO Jahreskongress (Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient), University of Bochum, 24.09.2015.

RZEHAK, L.: "Language and Identity", lecture at the inaugural ceremony of the Oriental department of Krakow University, 2.10.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Networks of war: The example of Afghanistan" presentation as part of the Bonner Friedenstage, BICC, 22.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Die Zukunft Afghanistans aus der Sicht der Forschung des BICC", lecture at the Rotary Club Bonn, Golf Course Bonn, 16.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Die Entgrenzung von Bürgerkriegen" lecture at the „Pfarrkonvents des evangelischen Kirchenkreises Bonn“, Gemeindehaus der Evangelischen Auferstehungskirche Bonn, 14.09.2015.

SÖKEFELD, M.: "Politics of Disaster", presentation in the workshop "Disasters and the State in South Asia", Development Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Bath, 7-8.09.2015.

INTERVIEWS

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Der Sinn von Expeditionen - Die Schlagintweits und das Weltwissen", BR 2, „IQ - Wissenschaft und Forschung“, 22.10.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Taliban Offensive: Herbe Niederlage für das Selbstverständnis Deutschlands", Sputnik Deutschland, 2.10.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Aktuelle Lage in Kundus – Gespräch mit Afghanistanexperte Conrad Schetter zur Eroberung Kundus durch die Taliban", Bayern2, 30.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Kundus nach der Bundeswehr", WDR Aktuelle Stunde, 30.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Taliban erobern Kundus – Afghanistan am Rande des Bürgerkriegs?", Detektor.fm, 29.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Blickpunkt Afghanistan", NDR-Info, 29.09.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: "Der verdrängte Krieg: Nichts ist gut in Afghanistan – oder doch?", HR-Info, 18.08.2015.

"CROSS"-BLOGGING

CURRENTS OF CROSSROADS PERSPECTIVES

BY CATHERINE REYNOLDS

The workshop **"TAJIKISTAN'S EPISTEME, CROSSROADS ASIA & OUR MARINE FUTURE"** brought together an assortment of social science researchers from diverse schools of thought working on issues as disparate as farm debts in rural Tajikistan and the recuperation of mangroves in coastal Brazil. Held at the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) and convened by Prof. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, the workshop took lifeworlds of coastal inhabitants as one starting point for analysis. From a Crossroads Asia perspective there was, on the one hand, a great deal of optimism about what marine research can offer the debate on rethinking Area Studies. Water lends itself to the notion of fluidity, and marine environments are intuitively better understood as consisting of flows rather than zones/areas. On the other hand, it became clear that container thinking is still prevalent in marine research. Even the often used word "coastlines" implies a very limited and limiting notion of space. [...] Taking anti-container thinking even farther, the workshop asked, why do we distinguish between marine and terrestrial spatialities at all?

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Marion Glaser and Catherine Reynolds speak to Roland Lippuner after his presentation on the Anthropocene. © Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) 2015.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

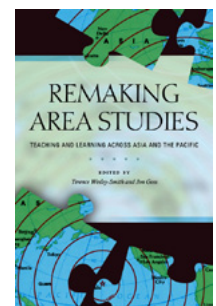
The following books were recommended by Crossroads Asia Network members.

Short book reviews (300-400 words) related to Crossroads Asia's research, as well as literature recommendations are welcome at any time from any interested party. The reviews will be published in our quarterly newsletter in the order that they are received at crossroads@uni-bonn.de.

REMAKING AREA STUDIES. TEACHING AND LEARNING ACROSS ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (2010)

Editors: Terence Wesley-Smith and Jon Goss

Publisher: University of Hawai'i Press



FRONTIER LIVELIHOODS HMONG IN THE SINO- VIETNAMESE BORDERLANDS (2015)

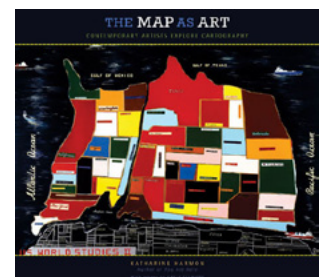
Authors: Sarah Turner, Christine Bonnin, and Jean Michaud

Publisher: University of Washington Press

THE MAP AS ART: CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS EXPLORE CARTOGRAPHY (2010)

Authors: Katharine Harmon and Gayle Clemans

Publisher: Princeton Architectural Press



The competence network Crossroads Asia derives its name from the geographical area extending from eastern Iran to western China and from the Aral Sea to northern India. The scholars collaborating in the competence network pursue a novel, 'post-Area Studies' approach, making thematic figurations and mobility the overarching perspectives of their research. The concept of figuration implies that changes, minor or major, within one element of a constellation always affect the constellation as a whole; the network employs this concept for understanding the complex structures framed by the cultural, political and socio-economic contexts in Crossroads Asia. Mobility, the other key concept for studying Crossroads Asia, has always been a space of entangled interaction and communication, with human beings, ideas and commodities on the move across and beyond cultural, social and political borders. Figurations and mobility thus form the analytical basis of our research.

Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the Crossroads Asia competence network was established in spring of 2011. It aims to mediate between the academic study of Crossroads Asia and efforts to meet the high demand for information on this area in politics and the public. Findings of the project feed into academic teaching, research projects beyond the competence network, and public relations efforts. Further information on Crossroads Asia is available at www.crossroads-asia.de.

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