



CROSSROADS ASIA



Collage, by Latina artist Cecilia Herrero Laffin at the Bielefeld University Metro Station, representing the everyday entanglements of diverse women at Bielefeld University. Photo by "Cross"-Blogger Epifania Amoo-Adare, taken at the 'Politics of Entanglement' Conference in Bielefeld, 25-27 June 2015.

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Highlights

CROSSROADS ASIA WORKSHOP IN BREMEN, JULY 28-29, 2015

Scholars within and beyond the Crossroads Asia Network are attending the 'Tajikistan's Episteme, Crossroads Asia & our marine Future' workshop, writeshop & networking platform organized by the Leibniz-Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) at the *University of Bremen*, from July 28-29, 2015.

The workshop is designed as a platform for jointly reflecting on past work on Tajikistan, as well as thinking about future research, including the linking of marine and coastal research with ongoing activities of the Crossroads Asia Network. The publication of a "Crossroads Studies" textbook will also be among the main discussion topics.

An overview of the workshop program can be found [here](#).

NEW CROSSROADS WORKING PAPERS

- » **Issue No. 27:** "Off the Grid: Environmental Degradation and Citizenship at the Margins" by A. Harms.

- » **Issue No. 28:** "Mobility and Urban Conflict: A Study of Lyari, Karachi" by N. Kirmani.
- » **Issue No. 29:** "Vartan bhanji-exchange practices and social (im-)mobility: Exploring the coping strategies of low-income households of different biraderis in rural Punjab" by A. Nasir & K. Mielke.

NEW CROSSROADS ASIA FELLOWS

Olaf Günther's research will focus on the entangled perspective of areas as actors and actors in areas, with particular emphasis on remoteness. He will join the Central Asian Seminar at the Humboldt Universität Berlin under the academic supervision of Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf from **SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2015**.

Stephen Adaawen will explore how a Crossroads Perspective can be applied to migration flows in an African context, building on his dissertation work in Ghana, during a fellowship with Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge at the University of Bremen from **SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2015**.



Activities in the Network

CROSSROADS ASIA LECTURES - PAST

ALFF, H.: "Translocal Relations and Narratives of Change among a Dungan community", ZELF, FU Berlin, 23.06.2015.

BEHAL, M.: "Natural Resource Management and its Linkages to Women's Development in India's Northeast", ZELF, FU Berlin, 16.06.2015.

BENZ, A.: "Translocality and Sustainable Mountain Development in Gojal, Gilgit-Baltistan", ZELF, FU Berlin, 23.06.2015.

NING, W.: "Opportunities and Challenges for Transboundary Conservation and Development in Karakoram-Pamir Landscape", ZELF, FU Berlin, 5.05.2015.

CROSSROADS ASIA LECTURES - UPCOMING

VAN SCHENDEL, W.: Visual history in Mizoram, India (Full title and lecture abstract to be announced soon), ZELF, FU Berlin, 27.10.2015.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

ALFF, H. (2015): Profiteers or moral entrepreneurs? Bazaars, traders and development discourses in Almaty, Kazakhstan. In: International Development Planning Review 37:3, 249-267.

BECH HANSEN, C.: Hegemonic power-struggle over Ukraine's future leaves the weakest at the roadside. In: ZEF Policy Brief No. 13, May 2015.

FEUER, H. & HORNIDGE, A.-K. (2015): Higher education cooperation in ASEAN: building towards integration or manufacturing consent? In: Comparative Education, 1-26.

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & MIELKE, K. (2015): Crossroads Studies: From Spatial Containers to Studying the Mobile. In: META, Middle East—Topics & Arguments, 13-19.

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

JONIAK-LÜTHI, A. (2015): *The Han: China's Diverse Majority*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press.

KAISER, M. (2015): Kazakhstan's Model of Interethnic Tolerance: From a European Perspective. In: IPH: Materials of international scientific-practical conference? Kazakhstan model of interethnic tolerance and social consent of N. A. Nazarbayev: twenty years of success and creation?. Almaty: Academy of Science, 29-37.

KORF, B. & SCHETTER, C. (2015): *Geographien der Gewalt. Kriege, Konflikte und die Ordnung des Raumes im 21. Jahrhundert.* (Studienbücher der Geographie). Stuttgart: Borntraeger.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): Boundaries and space in Gilgit-Baltistan. In: Contemporary South Asia (ahead-of-print), 1-16.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2015): Deutsch-afghanische Entwicklungs- und Sicherheitsbeziehungen im Wandel. In: Afghanistan-Info 76, 15-16.

SCHETTER, C. (2015): Der Gipfel globaler Verantwortung(slosigkeit). Ein Plädoyer für Nachhaltigkeit anstelle militärischer Aufrüstung. Bonn: BICC.

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

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS - UPCOMING

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.: "Framing Modernization Interventions. Re-assessing the role of migration and translocality for sustainable mountain development in Gojal, Gilgit-Baltistan", presentation at the conference "Perth III: Mountains of Our Future Earth", Center for Mountain Studies, Perth (UK), 5.10.2015

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.

JONIAK-LÜTHI, A.: "Roads in borderlands: Beyond the political geography of the state", Panel at the Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies, Zurich University, 8-11.10.2015.

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.

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", Bielefeld University, 23-24.10.2015.

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.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS - PAST

BENZ, A.: „Gesellschaftlicher Wandel und Entwicklung im Pakistanischen Karakorum: Bedeutung und Beitrag von Bildungs- und Migrationsstrategien“, lecture series "South Asia", Institut für Geographische Wissenschaften, FU Berlin, 12.05.2015.

KAISER, M.: „Einmal Deutschland und wieder zurück Umkehrstrategien von (Spät-)Aussiedlern im Kontext sich wandelnder Migrationsregime“ guest lecture at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 9.07.2015.

CALL FOR PAPERS

DN17 REFLEXIVITY AND CRITIQUE IN DISCOURSE CONFERENCE

The 17th DiscourseNet conference on critique and reflexivity in discourse offers a venue for exploring the different ways in which reflexivity and critique can be deployed in order to shape (our understandings of) selves, discourses and societies in meaningful ways. To this end, this conference hopes to bring together researchers interested in (a) the role of reflexivity and critique in the study of discourse and/or in (b) the role of reflexivity and critique play in the social realities we investigate.

In addition, the 2nd DiscourseNet Spring School on the Critical usage of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods software for discourse studies will take place at UNAV from March 21st to March 24th in the year 2016.

A list of suggested topics and further useful information can be found [here](#).

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
31 October 2015

CONFERENCE DATES: March 16-18, 2016

LOCATION: University of Navarra (UNAV), Pamplona, Spain

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: „„Frieden‘ statt ‚Sicherheit‘ als Leitbild – Interdisziplinäre Entwicklungsforschung als Handlungsgrundlage“, Public Presentation in the series "Frieden und Sicherheit in Zeiten globaler Umbrüche", URANIA Berlin, in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, 11.05.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: "Transformative Science for a better World", welcoming address at the Bonn Conference for Global Transformation, Bonn, 12-13.05.2015.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: „Liquid Disciplinarity? Nah- und Mitteloststudien in Zeiten der Globalisierung“, panel contribution on the occasion of the publication of META No. 4 ‘Area Studies’, University of Marburg, 26.05.2015.

MIELKE, K.: Presentation “Negotiating Development in Rural Afghanistan: Property, Access, and Glocal Politics” at the Conference “The Glocalization of Development” organized by the Center for Conflict Studies of Philipps University Marburg from 8-11 July 2015 in Hanover (Volkswagen Foundation).

RZEHAJ, L.: “Fillers, emphasizers and other adjuncts in spoken Dari”, paper presented to the Sixth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics (ICIL 6), Tbilisi, Georgia, 23-26.06.2015.

RZEHAJ, L.: „Paschto machen: Idealvorstellungen über ein ehrenwertes Verhalten bei den Paschtunen“ lecture presented in the lecture series „Männer in Aufruhr“ at the Oriental Seminar of Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, 1.07.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „... dem Frieden der Welt zu dienen“, expert talk at Evangelische Akademie Berlin, 4.05.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Perspectives of a National Framework: Whole-of-Government Approach“, Expert Workshop, Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS), Berlin, 19.05.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Provokation und Alltagskultur. Eindrücke und Erzählungen aus Zentral- und Südasiens“, professors dispute in the colloquia cycle “Paris und die Folgen“, University of Bonn, 9.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: “Peace-keeping at the Crossroads. Current challenges for the UN”, lecture in the series „The United Nations at 70: Fit for “The Future We Want?“, German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn, 18.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: “Testing assumptions: the private sector contribution to peacebuilding”, session panelist, Knowledge Platform Security & Law Conference, Le Hague, The Netherlands, 24.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C. & MIELKE, K.: organization of a one-day workshop on “Measuring/Monitoring conflict and peace – why, where and when does it make sense? Learning Lessons between Ireland and Afghanistan” with FEST at BICC on May 12, 2015.

CALL FOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

TRANSREGIONAL RESEARCH JUNIOR SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP: INTERASIAN CONTEXTS AND CONNECTIONS

The InterAsia Program Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship (formerly known as the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research) is aimed at supporting transregional research under the rubric InterAsian Contexts and Connections. Its purpose is to strengthen the understanding of issues and geographies that do not fit neatly into existing divisions of academia or the world and to develop new approaches, practices, and opportunities in international, regional, and area studies. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships help junior scholars (one to five years out of the PhD) complete first books or undertake second projects.

Further information is available [here](#).

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
25 August 2015

INSTITUTION: Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York

INTERVIEWS

KAISER, M.: “Ethnic Tolerance: Is Kazakhstan’s experience unique or instructive? A European perspective” (Опыт Казахстана уникален поучителен - с точки зрения Европейца) M. Kaiser interviewed by Yuri Kirinitsyanov in Argumenti i Fakti (Аргументы и факты), No. 19, p. 6, 6-12.05.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Ein Schrecken ohne Ende? Talibanangriff auf Parlament in Kabul“, Detektor FM, 22.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Kriegsrhetorik in Münster“, WDR, 21.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Afghanistan-Experte Conrad Schetter: Die Taliban dürfen nicht ausgegrenzt werden“, Südwest Presse, 13.06.2015.

SCHETTER, C.: „Wegelagerer in Uniform“, Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit (E+Z), 4.05.2015.

FIELD RESEARCH

ALFF, H.: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, April 2015.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Gilgit-Baltistan, May 2015.

REETZ, D.: Field research in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, funded by main ZMO programme (Muslim Globalities), May - June 2015.

“CROSS”-BLOGGING

ENTANGLED EPIPHANIES

BY EPIFANIA AMOO-ADARE

“The recent Politics of Entanglement in the Americas conference, held from 25 to 27 June, was definitely not for the academic faint-hearted.[...]”

What was clear from both the conference title and the rich menu of presentation topics is that the noun “entanglements” held high currency in the roll out of this timely forum, organized by the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS) at Bielefeld University. More specifically, the presentations sought to highlight what Olaf Kaltmeier, in his welcome address, described as the importance of “entanglements” as a useful metaphor for rethinking Area Studies, which—in their case—needed to be an engagement in open-ended and contestable debates on the politics of entanglements in the Americas, simply because this “Area” is not limited to a given space, with a single story that can be easily identified and then, truthfully, re-told. To this end, “entanglements” was also viewed as an instrumental conceptual approach for understanding the social dimensions of the politics of entanglement [...].”

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BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

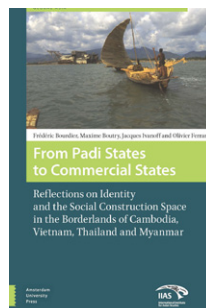
The following books were recommended by Crossroads Asia Network members.

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.



DIE POLITIK DER PERIPHERIE. PROTEST UND ÖFFENTLICHKEIT IN DER REPUBLIK KYRGYZSTAN

Author: Alexander Wolters
Publisher: Transcript
Series: bibliotheca eurasica (edited by Crossroads coordinator Markus Kaiser)



FROM PADI STATES TO COMMERCIAL STATES. REFLECTIONS ON IDENTITY AND THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF SPACE...

Author: Frédéric Bourdier et al.
Publisher: Amsterdam University Press



TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION AND ASIA. THE QUESTION OF RETURN

Author: Michiel Baas
Publisher: Amsterdam University Press
Series: Global Asia

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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