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Highlights

BOOK PUBLICATION: PAKISTAN’S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONTRASTS

„Pakistan: Land der Extreme. Geschichte, Politik, Kultur“ by Katja Mielke and Conrad Schetter was published on 18 September 2013. The authors portray the history of the Islamic and multiethnic state Pakistan and offer insight into the prolonged conflict with India. For further information please visit [C.H. Beck](#).

CROSSROADS ASIA MEMBERS PRESENT AT WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS IN TAJIKISTAN

The conference “Agricultural Knowledge and Knowledge Systems in Post-Soviet Societies” organized by Anna-Katharina Hornidge and Anastasiya Shtaltovna. Held on September 12 and 13 at ZEF, the conference focused on: cultures of knowledge production and sharing in agriculture, local

governance arrangements and knowledge production, and agricultural advisory service development. For detailed information and the conference report, please visit the [ZEF homepage](#).

NEW CROSSROADS ASIA PUBLICATIONS

The following Crossroads Asia Working Papers have been published:

- » Issue No. 12: “Migration and patrilineal descent: the effects of spatial male mobility on social female mobility in rural Kyrgyzstan” by Aksana Ismailbekova.
- » Issue No. 13: “The Ontological Sources of Political Stability and Economy: Mahalla Mediation in the Rural Communities of Southern Tajikistan” by Hafiz Boboyorov.



Activities in the Network

Crossroads Asia Fellows

GULNARA KUZIBAEVA will join I. Baldauf's team at HU Berlin beginning next month for a 3-month fellowship to pursue research on "Migration for Sex Work: The Case of Uzbekistan." She is an Associate Professor at the National University of Uzbekistan in Tashkent and an affiliated researcher at The Sociology Center "Sharh va Tavsiya" with an array of project management and consulting experience. Her main areas of interest include migration, demography and gender, as well as social policy analysis, with a focus on Central Asia.

RUNE STEENBERG, hosted by H. Kreutzmann's team at ZELF, FU Berlin, begins this month with his fellowship project "Trading networks across the Chinese-Kyrgyz border from a kinship/relatedness perspective." He aims to provide the working group with a differentiated analysis of the role of kinship in 'modern' societies by demonstrating how closely kinship and economics are connected across South Xinjiang and Kyrgyzstan.

Crossroads Asia Lectures - Upcoming

MARUNG, S. (CENTER FOR AREA STUDIES, LEIPZIG): "Area Studies", ZEF, right conference room, 11 December 2013 at 11 am.

HILL, J. & SOW, P.: "Research Ethics in Development Research", drawing from fieldwork experience with Crossroads Asia, ZEF, right conference room, 15 January 2014 at 11 am.

STEENBERG, R. (FU BERLIN): "Network or community. The utility of two models of social relations on the case of urban Uyghur Kashgar, Xinjiang, China", ZEF, 19 February 2014 at 11 am.

Crossroads Asia Lectures - Past

ZAIDI, S. A.: "Pakistan's New Political Economy – What has changed and what hasn't?", Freie Universität Berlin, 15 October 2013.

PETERSON, M. K.: „Water into Gold: Russian and Soviet Visions for Transforming the Central Asian Borderlands“, Freie Universität Berlin, 22 October 2013.

STAFF CHANGES AT THE CROSSROADS ASIA NETWORK OFFICE / ZEF

Farewell to **JANA JÜSSEN**: After two and a half years organising the network office of Crossroads Asia, Jana Jüssen is leaving the network. Crossroads Asia would like to thank Ms. Jüssen for her contribution to the network over the past few years and wish her all the best. Ms. Jüssen will be replaced by **NELLI NOKKALA**, nelli.nokkala@uni-bonn.de.

Welcome to **EPIFANIA AMOO-ADARE**: Crossroads Asia welcomes Epifania Amoo-Adare at ZEF and in the network. From November 2013 onwards Ms. Amoo-Adare will contribute to the network's aim of bringing the empirical research of the different work packages together by analysing the data through a spatial lens and linking discussions on the multidimensionality of space with ongoing debates (further fostered also by Crossroads) on rethinking area studies and their defining bases.

Crossroads Asia Workshops - Upcoming

MIELKE, K. + A.-K. HORNIDGE: "Crossroads Studies" – 2nd Workshop of the Area Studies Competence Networks Latin America and Crossroads Asia at ZEF, Bonn, 13 December 2013.

Recent Publications

ALFF, H. (2013): Renegotiating Integration: Dual Citizenship and the Mobilisation of Social Networks of Mongolia's Kazakhs. In: Inner Asia, 15 (1): 101-119.

ALFF, H. (2013): Basarökonomie im Wandel: Postsowjetische Perspektiven des Handels in Zentralasien. In: Geographische Rundschau, 65 (11): 20-25.

BOEDEKER, J. (2013): Baloch Identities: A Matter of Descent or Mentality? In: *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 4 (2): 225–243.

GUTSCHOW, N. & H. KREUTZMANN (2013): Mapping the Kathmandu Valley with aerial photographs by Erwin Schneider. Kathmandu: Himal Books (= Himalayan Traditions and Culture Series No. 2).

HILL, J. (2013): The role of authority in the collective management of hill irrigation systems in the Alai (Kyrgyzstan) and Pamir (Tajikistan). In: *Mountain Research and Development*, 33 (3): 294-304.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2013): Boundary-Making and Border Practices in Northern Pakistan. In: Smadja, J. (ed.): *Territorial Changes and Territorial Restructurings in the Himalaya*. Adroit Publishers, New Delhi: 35-68.

KREUTZMANN, H. (2013): Transformation of high altitude livestock-keeping in China's mountainous western periphery. In: *Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines*, 43-44: 6. (=DOI:10.4000/emscat.2141).

KREUTZMANN, H. (2013): Recent results from pastoralism research and development practice. In: *Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines*, 43-44: 16. (=DOI : 10.4000/emscat.2017).

KREUTZMANN, H. (2013): Planning and living in Islamabad. Master Plan changes and people's actions are transforming Pakistan's capital. In: Khalid Bajwa (ed.): *Urban Pakistan. 1: Mapping the city*. Oxford University Press, Karachi: 127-142.

LAMERS, J., KHAMZINA, A., BHADURI, A., MANSCHADI, A. M., HORNIDGE, A.-K., TISCHBEIN, B., CONRAD, C., MARTIUS, C., IBRAGIMOV, N., ESHCHANOV, R. MOUSTAFAEV, V. & VLEK, P. (2013): "Recognition, visibility and the beacons set for a handover: Highlights of a decade of interdisciplinary research and education in the Aral Sea Basin, Central Asia", Bonn: ZEF (Center for Development Research).

MIELKE, K. AND C. SCHETTER (2013): „Pakistan: Land der Extreme. Geschichte, Politik, Kultur“, Munich: C.H. Beck.

REETZ, D. (2013): [Review: Islam in South Asia](#). London 2010. In: H-Soz-u-Kult, Taylor, David (eds.): 2-162.

SCHMIDT, M. (2013): Mensch und Umwelt in Kirgistan - Politische Ökologie im postkolonialen und postsozialistischen Kontext. In: *Erdkundliches Wissen*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart 153.

SCHMIDT, M. (2013): [Baltistan im Spiegel kolonialer und postkolonialer Diskurse](#). In: *Geographien Südasiens* 1: 1-4.

SCHMIDT, M. (2013): (K)ein Ende der Transformation: Zentralasien zwischen Postsozialismus und Globalisierung. In: *Geographische Rundschau* 65, 11: 4-10.

SCHMIDT, M. & OSMONOVA, K. (2013): Astana: Arbeitsmigranten in der neuen Hauptstadt Kasachstans. In: *Geographischen Rundschau* 65, 11, 26-31.

SÖKEFELD, M. (2013): Stereotypes and Boundaries: Pathan in Gilgit, Northern Pakistan. In: W. Bajwa (ed.): *Urban Pakistan: Frames for Imagining and Reading Urbanism*, Oxford University Press: 241-261.

SÖKEFELD, M. (2013): Jammu and Kashmir: Dispute and diversity. In: Berger, P. & Heidemann F. (eds.): *The modern anthropology of India: Ethnography, themes and theory*. London, Routledge: 89-105.

SAVE THE DATE

CONFERENCE: "TRANSREGIONAL CROSSROADS OF SOCIAL INTERACTION: THE SHIFTING MEANING OF REGIONAL BELONGING IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA"

The workshop at ZMO and as part of the Crossroads Asia programme seeks to explore the shifting meaning of regional belonging across the neighbouring regions of South and Central Asia. It proposes to read the transregional interaction here in terms of social, economic, cultural and religious interaction. It thereby focuses on new forms of clustering of such patterns of interaction which allow for new forms of belonging.

For more information, please download the [call for abstracts](#) or contact Christian.Kuebler@zmo.de.

Details: **21 MARCH 2014** at ZMO Berlin.

CALL FOR PAPERS

"ACTIVATED BORDERS: RE-OPENINGS, RUPTURES AND RELATIONSHIPS"

The 4th conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network asks for submissions that address continuities and transformations along routes and borders in Asia, broadly related to the theme "Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships."

The deadline to send in panel, roundtable and paper proposals is February 1, 2014.

For more information, visit their [homepage](#) or send an [email](#) to the preparatory commission.

VAN ASSCHE, K., SHTALTOVNA, ANASTASIYA, & HORNIDGE, A.-K. (2013): 'Visible and invisible informalities and institutional transformation. Lessons from transition countries: Georgia, Romania, Uzbekistan', in: Nicolas, H. & Giordano, C. (eds.) "Informality in Eastern Europe", Peter Lang: Frankfurt.

VAN ASSCHE, K., HORNIDGE, A.-K., SHTALTOVNA, ANASTASIYA & BOBOYOROV, H. (2013): 'Epistemic cultures, knowledge cultures and the transition of agricultural expertise. Rural development in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia', ZEF Working Paper Series. Vol. 118. Bonn: Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung.

Lectures and Presentations - Upcoming

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Kashmir: boundaries and contested spaces", Gesellschaft für Erdkunde zu Berlin, 27 November 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Inclusive Economic Development: Potential Macro-economic Approaches for Mountain Development", keynote at the conference 'Addressing Poverty and Vulnerability in the Hindu Kush Himalayas: Forging Regional Partnerships to Enable Transformative Change', Kathmandu (Nepal), 2 December 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Central Asian oases - from trading towns to centres of modernisation", conference „Les oasis dans la mondialisation : ruptures et continuités“, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, 17 December 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: „Tibet in China – Mythos und Alltag auf dem Dach der Welt“, Geographische Gesellschaft Passau, 13 January 2014.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: Presentation 'Wassermanagement als Grenzmanagement in Usbekistan', as part of the Ringvorlesung Entwicklungspolitik XXIII, Schwerpunktthema Wasserkonflikte und Wasserkooperationen, TU Berlin, Berlin, 16 January 2014.

RZEHAK, L.: "Afghan higher education and current developments in Afghanistan", Discussion in Dari with Mohammad Nasir Haydar and Prof. Yama Sharaf, Balkh University, Afghanistan, 5 November 2013.

RZEHAK, L.: "From Afghanistan to Iran and back: Linguistic behavior of Afghan migrants", Mobility & Language / Mobilität & Sprache. Workshop within the Austrian Linguistic Conference, Universität Salzburg, 22-24 November 2013.

Lectures and Presentations - Past

BENZ, A.: "Migrationsnetzwerke und translokale Entwicklung. Der Beitrag von Pioniermigranten zum Prozess des sozio-ökonomischen Wandels in Gojal, Nord-Pakistan", 58. Deutscher Geographentag, Fachsitzung 109 'Migranten als Akteure des Wandels?', Passau, 05 October 2013.

BENZ, A.: „Strukturen und Herausforderungen des pakistanischen Bildungssystems“, Tagung „Pakistan im Fokus. Aktuelle Probleme & interdisziplinäre Forschungsperspektiven zu Politik, Gesellschaft und Religion“, Hochschule für Philosophie München, 27 October 2013.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: Keynote Address 'Epistemic Cultures in post-soviet Agriculture', at the international conference "Agricultural Knowledge and Knowledge Systems in post-Soviet Societies", at ZEF, University of Bonn, 12-13 September 2013.

ISMAILBEKOVA, A.: "Social mobilities of women: invisible role and authority of women in rural Kyrgyzstan", participation at the third Annual Conference of the Central Asian Studies Institute on "Constructing Authority through Custom and Tradition", American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, 27-28 September, 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: „Modernisierung um jeden Preis? Modernisierungsansätze und Folgewirkungen in Chinas fernem Westen“ at Asien-Pazifik-Wochen, Konfuzius-Institut Berlin, 28 October 2013.

MATO BOUZAS, A. & FISHER-TAHIR, A.: Panel on "Minorities, borders, and precarious citizenship in conflict-ridden areas", XI SESAMO Conference "Doing Citizenship: Practices of exclusion, demands of inclusion and new subjectivities in the Middle East and Europe", Pavia (Italy), 17-19 September 2013.

MATO BOUZAS, A.: "Dubious Citizens in Contested Borderlands", presentation at XI SESAMO Conference "Doing Citizenship: Practices of exclusion, demands of inclusion and new subjectivities in the Middle East and Europe", Pavia (Italy), 17-19 September 2013.

MIELKE, K. & SCHETTER, C.: Launch of the book "Pakistan: Land der Extreme. Geschichte, Politik, Kultur", ZEF Bonn, 18 September 2013.

REETZ, D.: "A regional and national solution after 2014? On the options of the new Pakistan Government on the war in Afghanistan and the insurgency in Pakistan", lectures at the International Islamic University, Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue, Islamabad, on 8 October 2013, at Lahore University of Management Sciences on 21 October 2013, at Böll Foundation Islamabad on 22 October 2013.

RZEHAK, L.: "Contact-induced Language Change In Pashto: The Expression of Ability, Capability and Permission", fifth International Conference on Iranian Linguistics, University of Bamberg, 24-26 August 2013.

RZEHAK, L.: "Ethnic and linguistic dynamics in modern Afghanistan", International Conference on Afghanistan, Cracow University, 29 October 2013.

SCHMIDT, M.: „Zentralasiens Umwelt im Spannungsfeld von Klimawandel, Globalisierung und Neoliberalisierung“, 58. Deutscher Geographentag, Passau, 5 October 2013.

SMOLARZ, E.: „Interactions in the Russian-Kazakh Frontier at the End of 18th century: Activities of the Orenburg Mufti Muhammadshan b. Khusain in Negotiations with Sarym Batyr“ at the XIII. Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) "The Steppe and the Sown" in Astana, Kazakhstan, 4 August 2013.

SMOLARZ, E.: „„Unterwegs wider Willen“: Mobilität von versklavten Gefangenen aus dem Russischen Reich in Zentralasien im 18. und 19. Jahrhundert“, at the Deutscher Orientalistentag, University Münster, 23 September 2013.

SÖKEFELD, M.: Summer School Anthropological Fieldwork Methods, Karakorum International University, Gilgit, Pakistan, 20-23 August, 2013.

WENZEL, C.: „The City as a Space of Refuge. Afghans' Mobility between Urbanization and Forced Migration“ at the Workshop „Migration and Displacement in and from Afghanistan“, Stockholm University, 20-21 September 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS

"Changing Patterns of Power in Historical and Modern Central and Inner Asia"

This international conference, organized by the International Unit for Central and Inner Asian Studies (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia), in collaboration with the international Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from **7-9 AUGUST 2014**.

The conference aims to highlight the current state of knowledge in research on the history of Central and Inner Asia since the twelfth century until the present day.

CONTACT: Ms. Martina van den Haak at IIAS.

DEADLINE: 9 JANUARY 2014, submission via the [conference website](#).

New Projects

HORNIDGE, A.-K. & SHTALTOVNA, A.: “Comparative study of cotton agriculture in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan”, Open Society Foundation, November 2013-November 2014.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: “Follow the Innovation: Collective learning, change adaptation and transition management”, transdisciplinary innovation component of the project BiomassWeb, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn and Food Security Center (FSC), University of Hohenheim (implementing institutions), Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), July 2013-June 2018.

NADJMABADI, S. & HARDENBERG, R.: “Religious resources: achieving and converting resources in Central and Southern Asia.” This component of the DFG-funded project “ResourcenKulturen”, carried out at the University of Tübingen, deals with the role of resource complexes for the creation, maintenance and expansion of important religious institutions in South and Central Asia. Ethnographic and ethno-historical data about religious resources will be collected via extensive fieldwork in India, Kyrgyzstan and Iran. These case studies illustrate the sociocultural practices necessary for achieving and converting religious resources; they serve to identify the interdependencies between religion, economy and state; and they help to understand how conflicts concerning religious resources develop. The project will be financed from 2014-2017. For further information visit their [website](#).

Shaping (Science) Policy

SCHETTER, C., KREUTZMANN, H. & BOBOYOROV, H.: Participation in the workshop “The Transformation of Economics, State and Law in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Coping with Change”, to shape future Volkswagen Stiftung funding schemes, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 17-20 October 2013.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: Presentation “ASEAN’s Wissensgesellschaften und ein asiatischer Bologna Prozess?” at the one-day expert meeting “Effects of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015 Processes on Research Cooperation between Germany and Southeast Asia”, organised by BMBF, Bonn, 30 October 2013.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

“FRAMING ASIAN STUDIES: GEOPOLITICS, INSTITUTIONS AND NETWORKS”

The international Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore are organising a conference that aims to examine and critically reflect on the “social framing” of Asian Studies. It will consider how knowledge about Asia is being produced and disseminated, with attention paid to the roles of various institutions and their associated networks in this process.

CONTACT: Ms. Martina van den Haak at IIAS.

DETAILS: 18-20 NOVEMBER 2013 in Leiden, the Netherlands. View the conference program and register [here](#).

Interviews

MIELKE, K. & SCHETTER, C.: Interview to WDR5 about the recently published book “Pakistan: Land der Extreme”.

“Cross“-blogging

In her blog entry, “The (non)arrival of three families – final destination or transit-stop in a long displacement“, Katja Mielke shares experiences from her field research in Afghanistan (11 October - 9 November, 2013):

The Malek: ‘This camp is like a jungle. There are 57 families. We are better off here than in Laghman. We can have a daily income from going around with carts [karachi] selling things. The land we are sitting on belongs to the neighbouring school, the school master says. When the would-be landlord who claims to own the land with his four brothers once came in the beginning to ask for rent payments and we denied it, he notified the municipality and asked to evict us.’

To read the rest of this “Cross“-blogging post, please visit our [homepage](#).

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 in *Crossroads Asia*. 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 will test the value of 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 frame of all three main thematic foci of our research: conflict, migration, and development.

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 will feed into academic teaching, research outside the limits of the competence network, and public relations efforts. Further information on *Crossroads Asia* is available at www.crossroads-asia.de.

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