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Highlights

CONFERENCE ON FIGURATIONS OF MOBILITY, NOVEMBER 22-24, 2012

Under the lead of HU Berlin, the first major Crossroads Asia conference took place in November 2012 and provided a forum to discuss approaches of figurational sociology with the objective to re-conceptualize area studies. The conference brought together scientists from Central to South and East Asia, from America and Europe, as well as from diverse disciplinary backgrounds. The interdisciplinary and international environment of the conference particularly enabled lively discussions, which were further nurtured by a mix of theoretical panels endorsed by empirical case studies from across the world. Please download the conference report [here](#).

The next conference will deal with the intersection of religion and social order. For further information please contact [Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge](#) or visit our [homepage](#).

NEW CROSSROADS ASIA PUBLICATIONS

- » The 6th Crossroads Asia Working Paper “[The Anxiety of Development: Megaprojects and the Politics of Place in Gwadar, Pakistan](#)” by Hafeez Jamali, as well as
- » the 7th Crossroads Asia Working Paper “[The Significance of Geopolitical Issues for Internal Development and Intervention in Mountainous Areas of Crossroads Asia](#)” by Hermann Kreutzmann were published in January 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS

- » “[Mobilities in Asian Contexts](#)”
Special Issue in “[Internationales Asienforum](#)”

Submissions are welcome from all fields across the humanities and social sciences. Crossroads Asia initiates a special issue in “Internationales Asienforum” on “Mobilities in Asian Contexts”. Please submit abstracts by 15 February 2013 & full papers by 30 April 2013 to [Henryk Alff](#), [Andreas Benz](#) or [Matthias Schmidt](#).

Activities in the Network

Upcoming Crossroads Asia Lectures

ENGEL, U.: "Critical Junctures of Globalization and the Area Studies", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 6 February 2013.

KELLER, R.: "Analysing Discourses. Relevance, Possibilities and Limitations of Researching Discourses", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 27 February 2013.

LOY, T.: "The Long Journey. Geographic and Social Mobility along the Example of Bukharan Jews in the 20th century", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 22 May 2013.

BEHAL, R.: "Migration Flows in Colonial Plantation Economies: Moving Labour in British Imperial Asia", Crossroads Asia Lecture, Geographisches Kolloquium, FU Berlin, 11 June 2013.

HOUBEN, V.: "Space, Area Studies and Southeast Asia", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 12 June 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS

JOINT WORKSHOP: SOCIAL MOBILIZATION, MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

The joint workshop of the competence networks [Latin America](#) and [Crossroads Asia](#) aims to investigate the nexus of social mobilization and mobility against the background of empirical insights from different contexts. Please submit an abstract (max. half page) by 15 March 2013 to both network offices: [Crossroads Asia](#) and [Latin America](#).

JULY 17, 2013 AT CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH (ZEF), GERMANY.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE: AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS IN POST-SOVIET SOCIETIES

Conference themes include cultures of knowledge production and sharing in agriculture, local governance, processes shaping as well as being shaped by the prevalent epistemic cultures and ongoing debates on the further development of agricultural advisory services undergoing change. Deadline for submission of abstracts (300 words) is February 15, 2013. Please contact [Anastasiya Shtaltovna](#) for details.

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2013 AT CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH (ZEF), UNIVERSITY OF BONN, GERMANY.

ILKHAMOV, A.: "The contemporary Uzbek Nation-State and National Identity: Soviet Legacy and post-Socialist Developments", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 3 July 2013.

SPOONER, B.: "Baloch Translocality and Modern Concepts of Globalization", Crossroads Asia Lecture, ZMO Berlin, 28 February 2013.

Past Crossroads Asia Lectures

ALFF, H.: "Trade and Modernization in the Borderlands of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Xinjiang", Crossroads Asia Lecture, ZELF Berlin, 8 January 2013.

BENZ, A.: "Migration and Translocal Development among the Wakhi of Gojal, Pakistan", Crossroads Asia Lecture, ZELF Berlin, 22 January 2013.

BUX MALLAH, H.: "Urban Informality, Ethnicity and Territory: Content of Politics in Karachi", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 13 December 2013.

STEENBERG, R.: "Romantik an der Seidenstraße. Wer Heiratet in Kashgar?", Crossroads Asia Lecture, ZELF Berlin, 15 January 2013.

MIELKE, K.: "Urbanization as Organized Crime? On Social Mobilization Processes in Lahore and Karachi", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 5 December 2012.

SIDDIQI, U.: "Challenges of Youth Bulge: Vulnerabilities and Prospects for Youth in Urban Areas of Lahore", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 28 November 2012.

IBRAHIM, M.: "Tracing the Making of Kachi Abadis: An Economic Analysis and Political Implications of Slums in Urban Lahore", Crossroads Asia Lecture Series, ZEF Bonn, 28 November 2012.

Publications

ALFF, H. 2012: Between Place of Birth and Ancestral Land: Transnational Migration and Social Networks in Kazakhstan. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, (in Kazak language): Almaty.

BENZ, A. 2012: Educational Challenges for Pakistan. In: Kreutzmann, H. & Mahmood T. (eds.): Understanding Pakistan. Berlin: WVB, 37-89.

HORNIDGE, A.-K., A. KUDRYAVTSEVA & L. OBERKIRCHER 2012: Boundary Management and the Discursive Sphere – Negotiating 'Realities' in Khorezm, Uzbekistan. In: Geoforum, DOI 10.1016/j.geoforum.2012.11.014.

ISMAILBEKOVA, A. 2012: Dynamika Otnosheniy Vetrnicheski-Smeshanih Semjah Posle Konflikta v Gorode Osh, Ferganskaya Dolina [The Dynamics of Relationships within Ethnically Mixed Families after the Conflict in Osh, Fergana Valley]. Etnograficheskoe Obozrenie. №6 84-98.

ISMAILBEKOVA, A. & E. NASRIDINOV 2012: Transnational Social Networks and Trajectories of Religious Practices and Discourses of Kyrgyz Dawatchis. Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal (TSR), 3, 177-195.

KREUTZMANN, H. 2013: Boundary-Making as a Strategy for Risk Reduction in Conflict-Prone Spaces. In: Müller-Mahn, D. (ed.): The Spatial Dimension of Risk: How Geography Shapes the Emergence of Risksapes. London, New York: Routledge, 154-171.

KREUTZMANN, H. & T. MAHMOOD (Eds.) 2012: Understanding Pakistan. Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Berlin. KREUTZMANN, H. authored following chapters:

- Introduction – Understanding Pakistan, 7-11.
- Democracy for Gilgit Baltistan? Kashmir's Legacy and Administrative Challenges on Route to Equal Rights within Pakistan, 211-245.

MATO BOUZAS, A. 2012: Mixed legacies in Contested Borderlands: Skardu and the Kashmir Dispute. In: Critical Border Studies: Deepening and Broadening the 'Lines of Sand', Special Issue of Geopolitics, 17(4), 867-886.

MATO BOUZAS, A. 2012: Securitization and Development as Modes of Peripheralization in North-Eastern Pakistan. In: A. Fisher Tahir & M. Naumann (eds.): Peripheralization: The Making of Spatial Dependencies and Social Injustice Berlin: Springer Verlag, 77-98.

REETZ, D. 2013: Travelling Islam – Madrasa Graduates from India and Pakistan in the Malay Archipelago. ZMO Working Papers. Berlin: ZMO.

SCHETTER, C. 2012: Ungoverned Territories – The Construction of Spaces of Risk in the 'War on Terrorism'. In: D. Müller-Mahn (ed.): The Spatial Dimension of Risk. How Geography Shapes the Emergence of Risksapes. London: Earthscan, 97-108.

UPCOMING

CROSSROADS ASIA CONFERENCE
MOBILISING RELIGION: CROSSROADS ASIA

JULY 18-19, 2013 AT THE INSTITUTE OF
ORIENTAL AND ASIAN STUDIES (IOA),
UNIVERSITY OF BONN, GERMANY.

Upcoming Workshops & Panel discussions

SYMPOSIUM

SCALE IN ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: POWER RECONFIGURATION, DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY AND INSTITUTIONAL (MIS-)FIT

This symposium seeks to map out the breadth of perspectives from which scalar issues in environmental governance can be addressed. For registration (until 15 February 2013) and more information please contact [Daniel Schulz](#) or visit the [website](#).

MARCH 7-8, 2013 AT THE BERLIN-BRANDENBURG ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, GERMANY.

Projects

HILL, J., MIELKE, K.& SCHETTER, C.: [German-Pakistani Research Collaboration and Academic Capacity Building Programme](#) with a new focus in 2013: Social change, marginality, urban development.

SÖKEFELD, M.: "The Appropriation of Mobile Phones by Women in the Context of Gender-Relations in Gilgit-Baltistan." Funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2013-16. The project researches the access to and the use of mobile phones in the high mountain area of Gilgit-Baltistan. It asks in particular whether and how mobile phones extend the range of communication and social relations of women in a society characterized by a very high degree of gender segregation.

HILL, J.: "Irrigated Mountain Agriculture and Rural Transformation Across the Alai – Pamir – Karakoram – trans-Himalaya: Conceptualising Development Issues through a Mobility and post-Area Studies Lens" at 'Asian Ecologies: Capitalism, Modernity, and the Environment, at the Lahore University of Management Sciences', Lahore. 5-7 April 2013.

MATO BOUZAS, A.: "Socio-Political Orders in the Kashmir Contested Borderlands", at the 2013 Cardiff PSA conference, Cardiff, 25-27 March 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Keynote Lecture on "Interdisciplinary Research Potential and Challenges in Central Asia", Volkswagen Workshop, "Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment", Tbilisi, 7-10 March 2013.

SCHETTER, C.: Panel Discussion at the Conference "Frieden und Grenzen. Herausforderungen für die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung", a cooperation between Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Frieden und Konfliktforschung e.V., der Evangelischen Akademie Villingst und der Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzingen, 28 February-2 March 2013.

SMOLARZ, E.: Presentation "Muslim Religious Institutions under Russian Influence (1788-1860)" at Institute for Oriental and Asian Studies, University Bonn, 15 February 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS

DAVO (GERMAN MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ASSOCIATION) CONGRESS 2013

If you are interested in organizing a panel for the International Congress of DAVO, you are kindly requested to send the title and summary of your panel (up to 100 words) to the [DAVO-Secretariat](#) by 15 February 2013. General deadline for the registration of papers and panels including abstract of about 250 words: 31 March 2013. For further information visit the [homepage](#).

SEPTEMBER 23 - 27, 2013, UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER, GERMANY.

CALL FOR PAPERS

WORKSHOP:

MOBILITY - DISCOURSE- INEQUALITY

Inequalities – as problematic as they may be – increase the diversity of society and can bring about new ideas, innovation and growth. Within the foci of the research committees, the workshop will concentrate on opportunities as well as risks associated with these social changes. Submission by 15 February 2013. For further information please contact [Marcel Endres](#), [Katharina Manderscheid](#) or check the workshop's [homepage](#).

**JUNE 26-28, 2013, UNIVERSITÄT LUZERN,
SWITZERLAND.**

Past Conferences & Workshops

KREUTZMANN, H.: Organized two- day annual workshop hosted by the Centre of Development Studies (ZELF) at GeoCampus Lankwitz, Berlin, 19-21 November 2012.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Panel discussion and workshop report (forthcoming in Journal 'Asien') "Urban Development in South Asia" at 10. Südasientag, Hamburg, 9-10 November 2012.

NADJMABADI, S.: Workshop with Iranian scholars on "Industrialization and its Environmental Impact in the Iran/Afghanistan border region" at Free University, Taybad, 27 October 2012.

NADJMABADI, S.: Workshop with students doing research on: "Religious Resources: the Religious Foundation 'astan e ghods' in Mashhad", "Mobile Livestock Keeping in Iran" and "Environmental Management Programmes in Practice in Mashhad" at Ferdowsi University, Mashhad, 1 November 2012.

NADJMABADI, S.: Presentation "Workpackage Development: Introduction to field research methods", Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, 8 January 2013.

SMOLARZ, E.: Attendance at the Conference "Everything is on the Move: The "Mamluk Empire" as a Node in (Trans-)Regional Networks", University Bonn, 6-9 December 2012.

Past Lectures & Presentations

ALFF, H.: Paper presentation "Remoteness Reloaded: Everyday Life and the Centralisation of Periphery at the Kazakhstan–Xinjiang Border" EastBordNet conference, Berlin, 11- 13 January 2012.

BOEDEKER, J.: Presentation "Adapting to Three Decades of Revolution: The Flexibility of Social Cohesion among Baloch Groups in Afghanistan," on panel: "Assessing the Impact of three Decades of Military Occupation ("AIMO"), War and Violence on Society and Culture", at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) meeting in San Francisco, 17 November 2012.

HILL, J.& HORNIDGE, A.-K.: Presentations on Uzbekistan (Hornidge) and Kyrgyzstan (Hill) at workshop entitled "IWRM-Research in post-Soviet Environments" at German Development Institute (GDI), Bonn, 10-11 January 2012.

HORNIDGE, A.-K.: Lecture "„Wissen“ – Entwicklungselixir oder Hegemonialdiskurs (?)". Augsburg University. 7 January 2013.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Presentation "Pastoralism in the Pamirs", Symposium "Rund um den Pamir", Österreichische Orient Gesellschaft, Wien, 15 November 2012.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Presentation "Die chinesische Seidenstraße: Kreuzweg der Kulturen und jahrhundertealtes Handelsnetzwerk", Museum für Natur und Umwelt Lübeck, 24 January 2013.

MIELKE, K.: Presentation "Tracing Modalities and the Conversion of Power in Rural Northeast Afghanistan", in panel 'Afghanistan – panel on "AIMO"', Annual Meeting of AAA, San Francisco, 17 November 2012.

MIELKE, K.: Paper presentation "Dimensions of Social Order", in panel "Religion and Religious Authority in Unwritten Constitutions" at International Workshop "Europe and Asia – Democracy in Entangled Modernities" Marburg, 18-19 January 2013.

SCHETTER, C.: Lecture “Ungoverned Territories”, at the Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn, 13 November 2012.

SCHETTER, C.: Lecture “War 2.0. und Ungoverned Territories. Das Afghanisch-Pakistanische Grenzgebiet und die Neue Geographie des Krieges” Geographische Gesellschaft, Hamburg, 10 January 2013.

SCHETTER, C.: Paneldiscussion “ABORNE Roundtable – Borders and Knowledge Production – a Comparative Perspective” at “Relocating Borders: a Comparative Approach.” COST/EastBordNet Conferences, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, 11-13 January 2013.

SCHETTER, C.: Lecture “Die Nation der Gegensätze: Ethnizität, Islam und Nationalstaat in Afghanistan” Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde München, [im Rahmenprogramm der Ausstellung “Augenblick Afghanistan. Angst und Sehnsucht in einem Versehrten Land”], 17 January 2013.

SCHMIDT, M.: Presentation “Transformation der Mensch – Umwelt – Beziehungen in Zentralasien”, Freie Universität Berlin, 11 December 2012.

SÖKEFELD, M.: Presentation “Politics of a ‘Natural’ Disaster: The Attabad Landslide in Northern Pakistan.” at the Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle, 15 January 2013.

WENZEL, C.: Presentation “Afghan Refugee Crisis Unending?” Annual Meeting of AAA, San Francisco, 17 November 2012.

Interviews

SCHETTER, C.: Interview on “The Role of the Bundeswehr in Afghanistan”. DPA. Published in “Trierischer Volksfreund” and “Westfälische Nachrichten”. 26 November 2012

SCHMIDT, M.: Interview in Zimprich, B.: “Bonanza und Blausäure – Goldmine Kumtor in Kirgistan” – Zenith, 26 October 2012.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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The BUCERIUS PH.D SCHOLARSHIPS IN MIGRATION STUDIES offers a monthly stipend of 1.200 Euros & additional funds for special research needs available on an individual basis. Applicants must be Ph.D students of - in a broad sense - social sciences. The Scholarships are granted for 1 up to 3 years. Deadline for submission of applications is 11 April 2013. For further information, please contact [Dr. Anna Hofmann](#).

News from the field

ALFF, H.: Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan. September-October 2012.

BENZ, A.: Pakistan. October-November 2012.

NADJMABADI, S.: Iran. Data collecting on networks of traders and entrepreneurs in the border region of Iran-Afghanistan; Interviews with persons using the new established road circuits between the Iran/Afghan border and the Persian Gulf; Follow-up of University Cooperation Program between Mashhad Ferdowsi University and Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen; Discussing with DAAD representatives in Tehran about financial support and special programs for Iranian and German students and scholars participating in the University exchange program. September-November 2012.



Crossroads Asia - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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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