



CROSSROADS ASIA

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Highlights

CROSSROADS ASIA INAUGURATED IN BERLIN

On Thursday 7 April 2011 a festive event in Berlin marked the beginning of the *Crossroads Asia* competence network. About 150 academics, politicians, journalists and representatives of the supporting foundation gathered in Germany's Parliamentary Association for the event. [Read more.](#)

WORKING PAPER SERIES LAUNCHED

Magnus Marsden's publication "**MOBILE LIFE ON THE FRONTIERS OF CROSSROADS ASIA**" represents the start of the *Crossroads Asia* working paper series. [Read more.](#)

CROSSROADS ASIA LECTURE SERIES BEGINS

Moonis Ahmar, the first *Crossroads Asia* Visiting Research Fellow, gave a talk on "Challenging the Secular State in Pakistan: the new Mobility of Radical Networks and the Transformation of the Terrorist Threat" on 30 June at ZMO in Berlin. [Read more.](#)

CROSSROADS ASIA IN THE MEDIA

- » *General Anzeiger, Bonn, 19 April 2011: "Bonner Forscher untersuchen grenzenlose Wanderungen in Asien"*
- » *Forsch, Bonn, June 2011: "Grenzüberschreitungen in Crossroads Asia"*

FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETINGS HELD

The *Crossroads Asia* working groups on Conflict, Migration and Development met in late June and early July in Kochel am See, Berlin and London. The workshops all focused on the research outlines of the three sub-projects. In addition, the contents and structures of upcoming working papers for the respective groups were discussed.

The workshop on development at SOAS in London was combined with academic presentations: on *The Emergence and Evolution of Modernization Paradigm in China* (Henryk Alff, ZELF), *The Flexible Territoriality of the Durand Line* (Paolo Novak (SOAS London) and *Local governance in Afghanistan* (Aziz Hakimi and Orzala Ashraf Nemat, SOAS London).

The minutes of all meetings are available on the [intranet](#).

Upcoming Events

Crossroads Asia *Lecture Series*

SEPTEMBER 14

GREWLICH, K. W.: "Geopolitics and Governance: Energy, Water, Rule of Law in Central Asia and Afghanistan"

UNIVERSITY OF BONN, ZEF, ROOM 3.032, 11.00

SEPTEMBER 28

SGIBNEV, W.: "The Transformation of Urban Spaces in Central Asia"

UNIVERSITY OF BONN, ZEF, CONFERENCE ROOM, 11.00

Network Members' Events

JULY 19

KREUTZMANN, H.: Workshop "Development Policy, Harnessing of Water and Local Resource Management"

SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE, HEIDELBERG

SEPTEMBER 27

SCHETTER, C.: Public lecture "Who are the Taliban?" at the conference "Mission abroad: Contemporary Military History at the Interface between Historians, Policy-Makers, the Public and the Armed Forces".

MILITÄRGESCHICHTLICHES FORSCHUNGAMT, POTSDAM

SEE [ONLINE PROGRAM](#) FOR DETAILS.

Activities in the Network

Conferences/Presentations

ALFF, H.: Attendance at workshop "Migration, Coloniality of Power and the Decolonialization of the West", Institute of European Ethnology, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, 18.5.2011

ALFF, H.: Attendance at discussion roundtable "Afghanistan Beyond the Headlines: Telling the Story about Local Communities" at the Central Asian Seminar, Berlin, 5.5.2011

BENZ, A. AND KREUTZMANN, H.: Attendance at BMZ/GIZ Workshop: "Implementing Development Projects in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan". Berlin, 30.5.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.; SCHÜTTE, S. AND MASTER STUDENTS OF ZELF: Presentation of results of the students' project „After the Flood“ (s.b.), DRK project group Pakistan, Berlin, 30.5.2011

HILL, J.: "Rigidity of landholding structure as impediment to the development of small-scale, supplemental irrigation systems: a study in rainfed east India" at ZEF, University of Bonn, 29.6.2011

HILL, J.: "The social construction of the water crisis" at 'Water Management options in a globalised world' workshop in Switzerland, organised by Institute for Social and Development Studies, Munich, 20.-23.6.2011

KREUTZMANN, H. AND MAHMOOD, T.: Organisation of the panel discussion "'Understanding Pakistan' - Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik – Form und Funktion". Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin, 22.3.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Im Gehen denken" at Kommunikationsforum, Volkswagen Foundation, 22.-23.6.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.: "Boundaries and space in Gilgit-Baltistan". International Symposium Jammu and Kashmir: Boundaries and Movements, Frauenwöhr, 16.-19.6.2011

RELATED EVENTS

CONFERENCE: Le Caucase et l'Asie central, vingt ans après les indépendances: Questionner la notion de "Sud(s)"

25-27 AUGUST 2011, ALMATY, FRANCE

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CONFERENCE: Micro-Level Analysis of Well-Being in Central Asia

10-11 MAY 2012, BERLIN

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CALL FOR PAPERS IS OUT.

KREUTZMANN, H.: Participation in Scientific Advisory Board Meeting for research project "Economic Transformation, Household Behavior and Well-Being in Central Asia: The Case of Kyrgyzstan", German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, 13.5.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.: Presentation (in cooperation with Deutsch-Kirgisischer Kulturverein) on "Transformations in the Pamirs: Kirghiz Pastoralism in the Winds of Change", Gesellschaft für Erdkunde zu Berlin, 27.5.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.: Presentation on the UNPO conference "Gilgit Baltistan: A Critical but Unknown Pivot of South Asia under Threat" titled "From Gilgit Agency to Northern Areas to Gilgit-Baltistan", Brussels, 5.5.2011

NADJMABADI, S.: Participation in the International Evaluation group of the Center for Studies in Asian Cultures and Social Anthropology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. 6.-9.6.2011

REETZ, D.: "Afghanistan Beyond the Headlines: Telling the story about local communities" panel speaker, with visitors from the European Foundation for Democracy (Brussels), Mina Wali and Dr. Wadir Safi from Afghanistan, at the Zentralasien-Seminar at the HU Berlin, 5.5.2011

REETZ, D.: „1. Konferenz des Berliner Dialogs der Religionen“, Senat von Berlin, Staatssekretär für Kultur und Religion, Berlin City Hall, 24.5.2011.

RZEHAK, L.: "Afghanistan Beyond the Headlines: Telling the story about local communities" panel discussion with Mina Wali and Dr. Wadir Safi, at HU Berlin Zentralasien-Seminar, 5.5.2011

SCHETTER, C.: „Afghanistan – Spielball der Großmächte“ Keynote at the conference "Zehn Jahre Afghanistan – Wann ziehen wir ab?", jointly organized by ZEF and the Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland. Bonn. 27.5.2011

SCHETTER, C.: „Staatsaufbau und Imitation. Die Intervention in Afghanistan“. Lecture Series: „Was bleibt vom externen Statebuilding? Anspruch und Wirklichkeit internationaler Interventionen“. Marburg. 29.6.2011

SCHMIDT, M.: "Water in Pakistan: Between Scarcity and Abundance" at Geographical Society Hannover, 20.6.2011

SÖKEFELD, M.: "Disaster as Inhibition: The Attabad landslide and Obstruction of Mobility"; Workshop Disasters – Mobility – Communications: Exploring the Links'. Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld, 16.-17.5.2011

SÖKEFELD, M.: "The Attabad Landslide and the Politics of Disaster in Gojal, Gilgit-Baltistan"; Pakistan

SÖKEFELD, M.: Negotiating the relationship between Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. International Symposium: Jammu and Kashmir – Boundaries and Movements. 16.-19.6.2011, Frauenwörth/Chiemsee.

Interviews

ISMAILBEKOVA, A.: Interview with Oxana Evdokimova, Islam in Kyrgyzstan. Deutsche Welle. Available [online](#).

ISMAILBEKOVA, A.: Interview with Kemel Toktomushev. Development of Anthropology in Kyrgyzstan. AUCA MAGAZINE American University of Central Asia, Bishkek Kyrgyzstan. Available [online](#).

KREUTZMANN, H.: Interview with Asian News International on the "Kashmir issue and China's interference in Gilgit-Baltistan", Brussels 5.5.2011

KREUTZMANN, H.: Interview for a movie produced by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) on development of Euro-Asian road transport linkages and revitalization of the ancient Silk Road in the framework of the "New Euro-Asian Land Transport Initiative (NELTI) project", Berlin 23.3.2011

REETZ, D.: Interviews regarding the accounts of Osama Bin Laden's death on 2.5.2011 with the news channel N24, newsroom Sat1/ZDF, and Info-Radio Berlin, 3.5.2011.

RELATED LINKS

Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO),
Gilgit Baltistan Conference
www.unpo.org/article/12392

Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures
and Societies
www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de

Zentralasien-Analysen
www.laender-analysen.de/zentralasien

REETZ, D.: Telephone Interview with Aida Cama, Deutsche Welle, about the attacks by Muslim Albanian-Kosovar immigrants in Frankfurt (“Wie werden aus jungen Migranten radikale Islamisten?”), 4.3.2011.

REETZ, D.: Interview with *Deutschlandradio Kultur*, „Trotz aller Gewalt im Namen des Islam ist Pakistan noch nicht verloren“ radio show *Thema*, 3.3.2011 at 16:12 (8 minutes). [Link](#).

REETZ, D.: Interview with Bostjan Anzin, RTV Slovenia, on the debate in Germany over Muslims, immigrants, and ‘multiculti’, at ZMO (Program “Nemčija”, RTV Slovenia’s primary channel) 18.01.2011. [Link](#).

SCHETTER, C.: Interview on “Summit of Shanghai Cooperation”. Deutsche Welle. 15.6.2011

SCHETTER, C.: “Transition of Security in Afghanistan”. Deutsche Welle. Asia Compact. 22.3.2011

Publications

ALFF, H. 2011: Soziale Netzwerke statt staatlicher Hilfe. Mobilität und Integration von kasachischen Migranten im ‚Land der Vorväter‘, in: Zentralasien-Analysen 41. S. 2-5. Available [online](#).

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SAMINI, C.; VANSELOW, K. A.; KRAUDZUN, T.; AKNAZAROV, K. AND KREUTZMANN, H. 2011: Der Ostpamir nach der Unabhängigkeit Tadschikistans. Landnutzungsverhältnisse und Ökologie. In: Anhuf, D., Fickert, Th. and F. Grüninger (Eds.): Ökozonen im Wandel, Passau (= Passauer Kontaktstudium Geographie 11), pp.175-184.

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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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