
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Contextual Biographies between Agency and Structure in a Global Age

University of Bern

Mittelstraße 43, Room 216

16-17 May 2019

Organiser: Moritz von Brescius (Bern)

Thursday 16 May 2019

- 09.15-09:30 WELCOME TEA/COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
- 09:30 -10:00 **Opening remarks:** Moritz von Brescius
- 10:00 – 12.30 **Keynote Panel. Contextual biographies in theory and practice: approaches and challenges**
Welcome & Chair: Christian Büschges (Bern)
- Tony La Vopa** (North Carolina State University): Self, Language, and Character in Biography
- Andreas Fahrmeir** (Frankfurt): Structural barriers to global biographies: States, distances, languages
- 12.30-14.00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14.00-16.00 **Panel I: Scientific biographies in a global age**
Commentary: Simona Boscani Leoni (Bern)
- Martin Krieger** (Kiel): Globale Vernetzung und personale Karrierestrategie: Nathaniel Wallich im Spiegel seines Briefnachlasses
- Jakob Vogel** (Paris): Wilhelm Ludwig von Eschwege (1777-1855): obstacles and limits of expert circulation between Europe and Latin America at the beginning of the 19th century
- 16.00-16.30 COFFEE/TEA
- 16.30 – 18:30 **Panel II: Economic agents in a connecting world**
Commentary: Christof Dejung (Bern)
- William O'Reilly** (Cambridge): Writing biography back in: the case of human traffickers in the 18th century
- Marine Fiedler** (Bern): Apprehending the tension between mobility and locality in a global context: The case study of a merchant family from Hamburg in colonial Singapore (1840-1914)
- Christiane Berth** (Bern): Global Trade Networks in Times of Crisis

- 09.15-11.05 **Panel II: Methods of biography writing**
Commentary: Francesca Fuoli (Bern)
- Nadja Ackermann** (Bern): Doing Bio-Graphy. Praxeological Reading of Ego-Documents as Heuristic Key to Contextual Biographies
- Stefanie Mahrer** (Bern): Professional networks and refugee scholars. A digital approach to the study of transnational biographies
- 11.05-11.20 COFFEE/TEA
- 11:20-13.05 **Panel III: Biographies and political conjunctures**
Commentary: Adrian Ruprecht (Bern)
- Tanja Bühler** (Bern): Imperial Careers and Information: European and Asian Diplomats at the Courts of Indian “Princes”, c. 1770-1815
- Stella Krepp** (Bern): “Underdeveloped Economists”: The Rise of Development Economists in Latin America, 1949-1964
- 13.05-14.30 LUNCH BREAK
- 14.30-16:30 **Panel IV: Writing biographies in context**
Commentary: Noémie Etienne (Bern)
- Joachim Eibach** (Bern): Alexander von Humboldt im Kontext: Sozialanthropologe, Ökologe - und Mensch
- Victor Strazzeri** (Bern): Locating Max Weber between *fin de siècle* Berlin and Cold War West Germany: Analytical itineraries and conceptions of space in the global reception of a classic
- 16.30-16.50 COFFEE/TEA
- 16.50 **Concluding Session**
Final comments: Rebekka Habermas (Göttingen)

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