

# Frontiers in Global History: Connections and Disconnections

Bern, 8 – 10 November

Convenors: Moritz von Brescius and Christof Dejung (Bern)  
Steffi Marung and Antje Dietze (Leipzig)

## Wednesday, 8 November

Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, Room F -121

4.15 – 5.45 p.m.

### Opening Keynote Lecture

Matthias Middell (Leipzig): Französische Globalisierungsprojekte (lecture within the framework of the research colloquium “Geschichte nach 1800”)

Dinner at the Casa d’Italia, Bühelstrasse 57, 3012 Bern (directly after the colloquium)

Agnes Gehbald (Bern): A Two-Way Movement Across the Atlantic: The Production of Migrant Statistics in the Americas, 1857–1907

10.45 – 11.15 a.m.

### Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.

### Panel 2: Postcolonial Entanglements

(Chair: Philipp Horn)

Jan-Niklas Kniewel (Bern): Okapi Diplomacy: International Conservation NGOs, Autocracy, and the Negotiation of the Conservation Frontier in the DR Congo, c. 1960-2006

Katja Castryck-Naumann (Leipzig): “Shipping was very much an instrument of empire”: Władysław R. Malinowski, UNCTAD and Socialist Shipping Policy in the Decolonization of International Shipping (1946-1975)”

12.45 – 2.00 p.m.

### Lunch Break

Taj, Länggassstrasse 43, 3012 Bern

## Thursday, 9 November

Mittelstrasse 43, Room 228

9.00 – 9.15 a.m.

### Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Christof Dejung & Moritz von Brescius (Bern)

9.15 – 10.45 a.m.

### Panel 1: Migration and Mobilities

(Chair: Sibylle Marti)

Megan Maruschke (Leipzig): Philadelphia as a City of Refuge, Relief, and Re-expulsion During the Age of Revolutions (circa 1780s-1810)

**2.00 – 3.30 p.m.**

**Panel 3: Commodity and Energy Histories**

(Chair: Agnes Gehbald)

Daniela Russ (Leipzig): Toward a Rural Universal? The Rise and Fall of UNEP's Rural Energy Centers (1975-1985)

Rea Vogt (Bern): A Returnee's Drink. Diasporic Yerba Mate Trade Between Argentina and Lebanon (1920s-1950s)

**3.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**4.00 – 5.30 p.m.**

**Panel 4: Global Connections and Social Mobility (Chair: David Rentsch)**

Philipp Horn (Bern): He Who Shall Not Be King. The Collapse of Social Frontiers in the Atlantic World and the Birth of the Afropean Middle Class (1880-1920)

Steffi Marung (Leipzig): Socialist (Im)mobilities: Contingencies, Moorings and the Challenges of the "Friendship Script"

**6.00 p.m.**

Optional guided tour through the historic city centre of Bern (UNESCO World Heritage)

**7.30 p.m.**

Dinner at the Restaurant Kirchenfeld, Thunstrasse 5, 3005 Bern

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## **Friday, 10 November**

Mittelstrasse 43, Room 228

**9.00 – 10.30 a.m.**

**Panel 5: Africa, Empire and the Environment (Chair: Rea Vogt)**

Geert Castryck (Leipzig): De-imperializing Colonialism: A Transimperial and Intercolonial Perspective on East and Central Africa in the 1920s

David Rentsch (Bern): Yangambi and the Global Rubber Frontier: Science, Cash-Crops and Social Change in the Belgian Congo, 1910-1960

**10.30 – 11.00 a.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**11.00 – 11.45 a.m.**

**Panel 6: The Role of International Organizations**

Antje Dietze (Leipzig): Globalizing the Cultural and Media Industries: The Role of International Organizations in the Twentieth Century

**11.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.**

**Concluding Session**

Commentary by Christof Dejung (Bern)

**12.15 p.m.**

**End of Program**

Fingerfood Lunch (optional)