

International Symposium

23. - 25.06.2016

Decolonizing and TransArea-izing Knowledge-Production:

Conflicts of Interpretation and Aspirations of Prospective
TransArea-Studies

Venue

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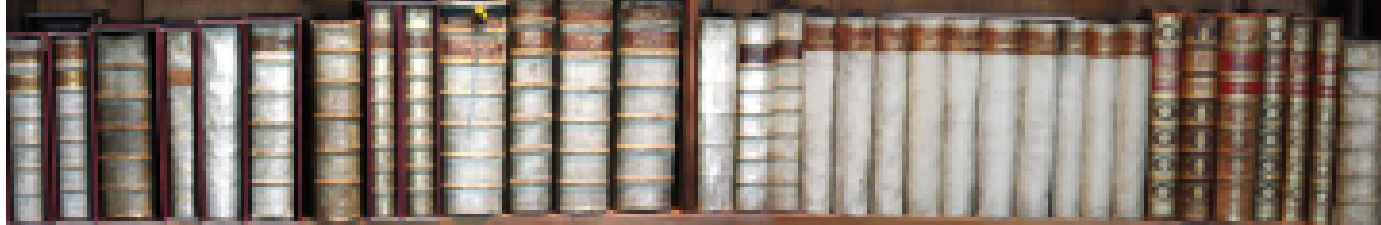
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GRK "Religion und belief systems in Deutungsmachtkonflikten"



Thursday, 23 June 2016, Universitätsplatz 1, Room 218

18.00 - 20.00

Welcome Remarks

Speakers: **Dr. Maher Fakhouri**, Head of Islamic Community Rostock

Khaled Al-Bitar, Member of The National Agenda for the Future of Syria, UNESCWA

Public Lecture

Speaker: **Mr Prof Muhammad al-Habash**, Professor of Islamic and Quranic Studies,
Abhu Dhabi University

**Islamic Values and Western Civilization:
More in Common Than You Think**

20.00

Dinner, Weinwirtschaft, Neuer Markt

Friday, 24 June 2016, IBZ

09.00 - 09.30

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers: **Ms Prof Martina Kumlehn**, Spokesperson of Graduate School „Religion und belief
systems in Deutungsmachtkonflikten“

Mr Prof Jörn Dosch, Head of Chair of International Politics and Development,
University of Rostock



09.30 - 11.30

Session One: Islamic Knowledge Production & Europe

Chair: **Mr Dr Pierre Gottschlich**, Research Assistant, Department International Politics and Development, University of Rostock

Speakers: **Ms Prof Schirin Amir-Moazami**, Professor of Islamic Studies, FU Berlin

Liberal-Secular Power and the Predicaments of Knowledge Production on Muslims in Europe

Ms Prof Birgit Schäbler, Professor of West Asian History, University of Erfurt

“Islam and Europe” in the Global Modern: A Gordian Tale of Entangled (Area-)Histories

11.30 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 15.00

Session Two: Epistemic Pluralism - Reflections on Africa

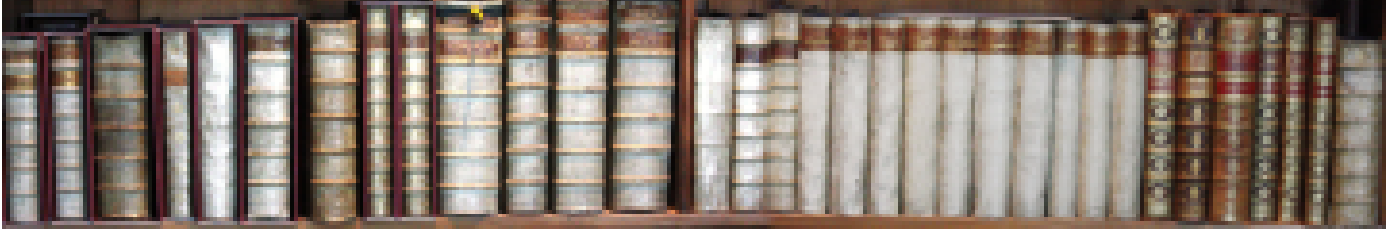
Chair: **Mr Erik Grünke**, PhD Student, Graduate School „Religion und belief systems in Deutungsmachtkonflikten“, University of Rostock

Speakers: **Mr Dr Geert Castryck**, Senior Researcher in African and Global History, University of Leipzig

Colonial and Post-Colonial Underpinnings of Transregional Studies: Editorial Reflections from a Handbook Project

Mr Prof Lesiba Teffo, Director, School of Transdisciplinary Research Institutes, University of South Africa

TransArea-izing Knowledge-Production in Pursuit of Cognitive Justice (A Reflection on African Indigenous Knowledge System)



15.00 - 15.15

Coffee Break

15.15 - 17.15

Session Three: Entangled Epistemologies, Mediators in the Americas

Chair: **Ms Prof Gesa Mackenthun**, Professor for American Literature and Culture Studies,
University of Rostock

Speakers: **Ms Prof Gabriele Pisarz-Ramirez**, Professor for American Studies,
Leipzig University

Rimlands, Borderlands, Nepantla: Hemispheric Spatial Imaginaries
and Entangled Epistemologies in the Americas

Ms Alexia Schemien, Lecturer and Research Assistant in North American Studies,
University of Duisburg-Essen

Decolonizing the Religious Mind: Doing Religion and Hybrid
Spiritualities in the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands and Aspects of
TransArea Studies

18.00

Dinner, Da Vinci Ristorante, Am Stadthafen



Saturday, 25 June 2016, IBZ

09.30 - 11.30

Session Four: Islamic Knowledge Transmission & Europe

Chair: **Mr Khaled al-Bitar**, Member of the National Agenda for the Future of Syria, UNESCWA

Speakers: **Mr Dr Ahmed Abd-Elsalam**, Research Assistant, Center for Islamic Theology, University of Münster

Forschung vom „tribalen Recht“ im Sinne von TransArea-Studies
an English Translation will be available

Mr Prof Muhammad al-Habash, Professor of Islamic and Quranic Studies, Abu Dhabi University

Refugees are wealth, not a crisis:
Will the new Islamic TransArea in Europe create the New Silk Road?

11.30 - 12.30

Lunch

12.30 - 14.30

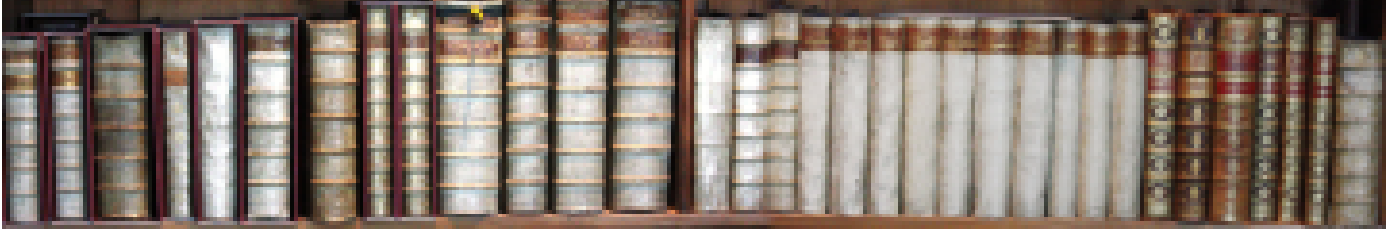
Session Five: Polylogue: Aspirations of TransArea Studies

Speaker: **Mr Prof Matthias Middell**, Spokesperson Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig

The Ambivalence of Area Studies and Predictive Power
– When the Transregional becomes more important

Chair: **Mr Prof Jörn Dosch**

Panellists: **Matthias Middell, Schirin Amir-Moazami, Birgit Schäbler, Lesiba Teffo**



14.30 - 14.45

Coffee Break

14.45 - 15.00

Closing Remarks

About the Organizers

The Graduate School „Religion und belief systems in Deutungsmachtkonflikten“, University of Rostock, Germany seeks to analyze significant constellations and conflicts that arise around the power to explain, interpret, and define meaning in both contemporary and historical contexts. Questions to be addressed include: What is the form or dimension of ‚power‘ evoked by the term Deutungsmacht (power of interpretation)? What kind of power do interpretations possess or develop with regard to religions and belief system - their representatives, their institutions, their officeholders or ‚charismatic leaders‘, their discourses and dispositifs? When and why are once hegemonic interpretations no longer recognised?

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The Chair of International Politics and Development, Department of Political- and Public Administrational Sciences, University of Rostock, Germany has its special emphasis on the academic collaboration between Area Studies and other disciplines in International Politics, Development- and Peace & Conflict Studies. Geographically the focus of the personel is Southasia, Southeast Asia, Russia and Eastern Europe. By virtue of thematic overlapping the Chair of International Politics and Development is associated with the Graduate School „Religion und belief systems in Deutungsmachtkonflikten“ since 2015.

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