

Preliminary Conference Programme

Wednesday, 7th June 2017

16:00-18:00

Round Table 1

De-Centering Europe: Not only from the South but also from the East and from the North

18.30-20.00

WELCOME Snacks & Drinks

Thursday, 8th June 2017

9.00-10.00

**Keynote Tania Murray Li (University of Toronto, Canada)
Capitalist Transformations on Indonesia's Indigenous Frontiers**

Transforming Capitalism

Transforming Knowledge

Transforming Ecologies

10.30-13.00

Panel 2:

Capitalist Relations in Southeast Asia:
Revisiting Migration, Labour and
Gender

Panel 1:

Translocal Forms of Belonging

Panel 3:

Transforming Peri-Urban
Ecologies (*Dannenberg,*

Panel 4:

Literatures and Arts

14.30-17.00

Panel 5:

Investors and Value Chains from the
Global South

Panel 8:

Learning/Skills/Apprenticeship

Panel 6:

Environmental Change and
Migration

Panel 7:

Anti-Capitalist Movements in the Global
South

Roundtable (Panel 9): Continuities
and long-term tendencies
delimiting the Global South (CA
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18.30

Conference Dinner

Friday, 9th June 2017

9.00-10.00

Keynote Julio Ortega (Brown University, USA)

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Panel 12:

People and Categories on the Move:
Values, Social Ties and Livelihood
Projects of 'Diasporas' and
Transnational Migrants

Panel 10:

Integrating epistemologies

Panel 11:

The New Ecologies of
Conservation: A comparative
account of the social-ecological
dynamics of community based
conservation in the Global South

Panel 13:

Room for improvement? Addressing
the (un)fairness of labour and small
producers in global capitalism
(*Hoffmann, Salverda and Schneider*)

14.00-15.30

Round Table 2: Epistemologies from the Global South and our Role as Engaged Intellectuals
Schneider and Storch

The Global South on the Move:

Though long considered distant and ‘other’, the so-called ‘Global South’ now seems to be closer to the ‘North’ than ever. Redirected capital flows, labour migration, refugees, new forms of knowledge and theory-building seeking to leave old Eurocentric perspectives behind – all these developments suggest a profound global re-mapping of territorial, political, socio-economic, cultural, and epistemic relations. This conference seeks to investigate the major transformations occurring within and as a consequence of actors of the Global South, and aims to stimulate cross-area and interdisciplinary research. We will focus on ongoing transformations in three key areas: capitalism, knowledge, and ecologies.

A) Transforming Capitalism

This key area explores how actors around the globe are transforming, contesting, and adapting capitalism. At the same time, political and socio-economic power structures are re-affirmed. The key area covers topics ranging from (un)fair labour relations, to investments from key players from the Global South such as China in Africa, or Angola in Portugal. It also addresses the global connections between local producers on one hand and global consumers on the other. What, for example, are the consequences of palm oil consumption in Europe with regard to reproduction processes and gender relations in South East Asia? What role do skilled and unskilled labour migrants play in capitalist systems? The panels aim to enhance our knowledge of labor migration, standardization of labour, and linkages between South-South, North-South, and South-North actors and economies.

B) Transforming Knowledge

This area seeks to address how current and past movements of people, ideas and things influence the global production of knowledge and its unequal power relations. To what extent are actors from the Global South excluded from processes of knowledge production and knowledge circulation? To what extent do academic systems and cultural representations structurally reify a simplistic divide between the so-called “North” and “South”? What is the role of engaged intellectuals in problematizing such categories? The panel seeks to investigate forms and mechanisms of epistemic exclusion and silencing. How do emerging powers like the BRICS states renegotiate global knowledge, as in the case of industrial standardization? It will also examine the role of artistic practices in reproducing and countering such knowledge-creations either about or from the “Global South”.

C) Transforming Ecologies

The third key area investigates human–non-human relations within a transforming social and physical world. The notion of ecologies thereby refers to delicate balances, complex interactions, and the (natural) environments in which they take place. We focus on the entanglements of changing socio-spatial, human-environmental and socio-technological realms and assemblages. How do people adapt to environmental transformations, and how do they appropriate new techniques and practices? By disentangling translocal ecologies we aim to challenge rigid binaries (such as human/nature) and illuminate processes of de- and re-territorialization in the Global South.