



GSSC Newsletter

14. April 2016

Events

Wednesday, 20 April, 2016 | 5.45 - 7.15 pm

Public Lecture: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of mealties'. Ideologies and politics of agrarian progress in South Africa, c. 1900-1945

During the first half of the twentieth century, deep structural changes occurred in the South African countryside. While farming became an important pillar of the national economy, more and more people left the land in search of better lives in towns and cities. Agricultural commercialization, urbanization and the so-called "native question" were at the centre of heated political debates and led to a range of state interventions. In my presentation, I will discuss such rural development programmes and the reactions they triggered on the ground, highlighting the different visions of "agrarian progress" which were framed as a response to the growing opposition between urban and rural areas and the rising racial tensions. In trying to engineer a modern nation, South African actors were inspired by models of segregation and agrarian progress in other countries, foremost the USA. Tracing these entanglements, I will discuss how the case responds to current historiographic debates concerning the position of African history with regard to the booming transnational and global history approaches. [Further Information...](#)

Venue: Internationales Kolleg Morphomata, Weyertal 59, 50937 Köln

GSSC PUBLIC
LECTURE



Julia Tischler
University of Basel

'Seek ye First the Kingdom of Mealties'.
Ideologies, Policies and Practices of Agrarian
Progress in South Africa's Rural reserves, 1900-1945

April 20th, 2016 | 17:45-19:15
Venue: Internationales Kolleg Morphomata
Weyertal 59
50937 Köln

Friday, April 22, 2016 | 7 - 8.30 pm

Workshop: The 50th Anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: Legacies and Continuities

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) is one of the most controversial events in modern Chinese history. Mao Zedong's campaign calling students and workers to rebel against the local state apparatus resulted in violent factional struggles in late 1966 and 1967. To restore order, Mao brought in the People's Liberation Army and waves of repression followed. Many supporters of the early Cultural Revolution were victimized in the later stages. The Cultural Revolution left deep wounds and trauma in all parts of society. In the early 1980s, a huge number of victims from among the political and intellectual elites were rehabilitated by the Communist Party of China and court verdicts against ordinary people were revised. Nevertheless, many people from all former factions feel mistreated by the CCP today. On this roundtable, Western and Chinese experts of the Cultural Revolution will discuss the legacies and continuities of "Mao's last revolution". What are the lessons of the Cultural Revolution and can it happen again in China today? [Further Information...](#)

Chinese and English translation will be provided.

Venue:

Universität zu Köln, Seminargebäude (Geb. 106), Raum 26, Universitätsstraße 37

Organizer: Prof. Felix Wemheuer (GSSC)



Montag, 25. April, 2016 | 18:30 Uhr

Focus Global South: Afrika in den deutschen Medien - Warum es eine differenzierte Afrika-Berichterstattung braucht

Medien bilden Bilder – mit Blick auf Afrika hat das groteske Folgen: Kriege und Katastrophen bestimmen die Afrika-Berichterstattung, welche erheblich zur Reproduktion der in Deutschland vorherrschenden stereotypen Afrikabilder beiträgt.

In der Veranstaltung werden die strukturellen Herausforderungen der Afrika-Berichterstattung deutscher Medien verständlich gemacht und kritisch diskutiert. Weiterhin werden konkrete Lösungsansätze aufgezeigt und verdeutlicht, wie jeder einzelne zu einem vielfältigeren Afrika-Diskurs in Deutschland beitragen kann. Es besteht die Möglichkeit, als Autor oder Autorin beim JournAfrica! Community Blog aktiv zu werden. [Weitere Informationen...](#)

Venue: AStA-Café, Universitätsstraße 16, 50927 Köln



Overview Public Lecture Summer 2016

GSSC Public Lecture 2016
 VENUE: Morphomata, Weyertal 50, 50937 Köln
 TIME: 17:45-19:15



13.04.	Reclaiming Earth, Soil, Death and Birth in Southern African Ecologies LEILEY WRIGHT UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
20.04.	"Seeking a Road: The Kingdoms of Medives", Ideologies, Policies, and Practices of Agrarian Progress in South Africa's Rural Reserves, 1900-1941 JOUR TROUBEN UNIVERSITY OF BANGOR
27.04.	Contemporary Dynamics of Social Relationships and Environmental Practices among the San Hunter-Gatherers in Central Kalahari KAREN NEUMANN-FORBES STIEGLING COLLEGE TORONTO
04.05.	The Cultural Transmission of Social Essentialism: a View from Madagascar DANIEL ROBERT UNIVERSITE LIRE DE BRUXELLES
11.05.	The Settlement of Madagascar by Speakers of an Indonesian Language: Making Sense of the Multidisciplinary Evidence ALEXANDER A. JOELMAN UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
25.05.	The Age of Mobility... as a Distant Discourse or a Lived Experience? NORIKO UGAIHE HO LETTERS
31.05.	Translating Chinese Travels Abroad: Language, Culture and the Dislocating of Global Mobility ALEX WARD UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
08.06.	Competition or Diversity? Revisiting European Expansion, 1499-1640 NICOLA GIOIA QUANTON UNIVERSITY NOTTINGHAM
15.06.	Multiple, Peripheral or Alternative? Modernities as a Global Process MORRICA JINBAI HONGKONG UNIVERSITY
22.06.	Indigeneity, Abjectness and (Auto)biography: Are There South Africans? DUSTIN BROWN UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA
29.06.	Crisis, Continuation, Resource Extraction, Mobile Cities and the Violent Frontiers of Saving Nature EMMY BOGNER UNIVERSITÄT WÜRZBURG
13.07.	Urban Transitions and Emerging Health Challenges in the Global South: Indian Experiences SUSANNE BOGARDUS UNIVERSITÄT WÜRZBURG
20.07.	Politische Geographie und Geopolitik der Ressourcenverflechtung KLAUS-DIETMAR SCHULZE UNIVERSITÄT WÜRZBURG

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