

**Authors Workshop**

# Internationalization of Colonial Knowledge Production

**20–21 September 2018**

**Centre for Area Studies, Leipzig University**

Organized by Geert Castryck (Collaborative Research Centre 'Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition' [SFB 1199] at Leipzig University) and Katja Naumann (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe [GWZO], Leipzig) in cooperation with the Network on Transimperial Cooperation at the University of Erfurt and with the support of the Forum for the Study of the Global Condition and the CRC 'Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition' at Leipzig University.

The workshop aims at bringing together current trends in historiography, addressing the transnational workings of knowledge production, with a focus on the production of colonial knowledge / the colonial production of knowledge. In our understanding, this nexus of (trans)national, (trans)imperial and colonial dynamics in the production of knowledge is a vital crux of global history as it underpins nineteenth- and twentieth-century academia as much as it facilitated and drew upon colonization in Africa and Asia. We particularly want to emphasize the institutionalization of transnational and transimperial ‘colonial sciences’; its contribution to the establishment of academic disciplines, with all its Eurocentric, universalistic and imperialist underpinnings; and the enmeshment with colonial policy-making and lived realities in African and Asian colonies under control – or out of control. In terms of the format, we envisage an intensive discussion of pre-circulated papers, in preparation of a joint publication.

The workshop is open to everybody interested but we ask for pre-registration by e-mail ([geert.castryck@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:geert.castryck@uni-leipzig.de) or [katja.naumann@leibniz-gwzo.de](mailto:katja.naumann@leibniz-gwzo.de)).

## Thursday 20 September

13.00 Welcome and Introduction

### 13.30 **Session 1**

**The Science of Colonial Conquest: Geographical Knowledge and the Production of Colonial Space**

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[Maximilian Georg / Maximilian Stintzing \(IfL Leipzig\)](#): Henry Morton Stanley: An Explorer of Africa as a Popular Guest of Geographical Societies

[Geert Castryck \(U Leipzig\)](#): European Knowledge Orders, Inter-Imperial Negotiations, and the Colonial Encounter in the African Great Lakes Region (1885-1925)

15.00 Coffee break

### 15.30 **Session 2**

**Scientific Colonialism (I): the International Making of Colonial Sciences**

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[Klemens Wedekind \(U Trier\)](#): Veterinary Research in Southern Africa and the Formation of Tropical Veterinary Medicine (1896–1920)

[Stefan Esselborn \(TU München\)](#): The International African Institute (IIALC/IAI) and the Global Invention of African Studies (1925–1965)

[Damiano Matasci \(U Lausanne\)](#): “An Irrepressible Need”: Albert Charton, French Colonialism and the Internationalization of African “Native Education” (1930s–1940s)

## Friday 21 September

9:00 **Session 3**  
**Scientific Colonialism (II): Science and Imperialism beyond the European Colonial Powers**

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Nadin Heé (FU Berlin): Scientific Colonialism and How Japan Joined the Transimperial “Club”

Sarah Ehlers (TU München): Colonial Medicine without Colonies: German Sleeping Sickness Research after the Great War

Katja Naumann (GWZO Leipzig): Formation and Internationalization of the US-American Area Studies

11.00 Coffee break

11:30 **Session 4**  
**Discussion of Paper Proposals and Joint Publication**

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### Handouts

Florian Wagner (DHI-West – UC Berkeley / U Erfurt): The International Colonial Institute, Buitenzorg, and the Scientific Legitimization of Colonial Rule (1890s–1920s)

Anne Kwaschik (U Konstanz): International Congress of Colonial Sociology (1900) and the Discovery of the Social Side of Colonisation (tbc)

Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo (U Coimbra): Competing Knowledge? Interimperial Cooperation in Late Colonial Developmentalism (1940s–1950s)

### Transversal themes

International and Transimperial

Ideas and Knowledge Orders

People and Institutions

Practices and Policies

13.00 Lunch

### Location:

Collaborative Research Centre ‘Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition’ (SFB 1199)

Leipzig University

Seminar Room

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