

„Asianisms“ and regional interaction and integration in Asia (late 19th century to present)

International Conference at the University of Freiburg, 14-15 October 2011, co-organized by the University of Freiburg and Jacobs University Bremen and sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Venue: Wilhelmstr. 26, Sitzungssaal (01014)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 – 10:00 “Asianisms” as a research agenda

Marc Frey (Jacobs University Bremen) and Nicola Spakowski (University of Freiburg)

10:00 – 12:00 **The Longue Durée: “Asia” and “Asianisms” in historical perspective**

Chair: Tani Barlow (Rice University, Houston)

The anachronistic savagery of democracy

Rebecca E. Karl (New York University)

On display. Exhibitionary visions of Asia

Birgit Mersmann (Jacobs University Bremen)

12:00 – 13:15 **Lunch**

13:15 – 15:15 **Identity between nation and region**

Chair: Jürgen Rüländ (University of Freiburg)

Uniting Asia through sports: ‘Olympic’ values, ‘modernization’ and the problem of nationalism

Stefan Hübner (Jacobs University Bremen)

Concepts of Asia, the Self and the West in contemporary Indonesia

Judith Schlehe (University of Freiburg)

The ‘virtual’ region: Politics of identity in contemporary Central Asia

Tim Epkenhans (University of Freiburg)

15:15 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:45 Western visions of Asia

Chair: Paul Kratoska (National University of Singapore)

Body and Soul: Anglo-American Asianisms, 1870-1995

Tani Barlow (Rice University, Houston)

America's Asia? Revolution, Scholarship and Asian Studies

Fabio Lanza (University of Arizona and Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Asia as future – The shifting rhetoric of an “Asian century”

Nicola Spakowski (University of Freiburg)

18:45 Dinner**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15****09:00 – 11:00 Pan-Asianism and Asian regionalism**

Chair: Rebecca E. Karl (New York University)

“There is a glow in the Eastern Skies” - The emergence and proliferation of Asianist initiatives in India, 1919-1939

Carolien Stolte (Leiden University)

The Japanese Empire's Pan-Asianism project of the 1930s: Vision and networks

Matsuura Masataka (Hokkaido University) [paper discussion only]

Constructing regionalism domestically: Local actors and foreign policymaking in Indonesia

Jürgen Rüländ (University of Freiburg)

11:00– 11:30 Coffee Break**11:30 – 12:30 Graduate student forum**

Chair: Tessa Morris-Suzuki (Australian National University, Canberra)

Discourses of Asia between Japan and China in the League of Nations

Takashi Saikawa (University of Heidelberg)

Going to the Philippines is like coming Home? Japanese pan-Asianism and the Philippines from the Meiji-era until the Wake of the Pacific War

Sven Matthiessen (University of Heidelberg)

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch**13:45 – 15:15 Graduate student forum**

Chair: Fabio Lanza (University of Arizona, Tucson)

Rethinking Asia. The transnational intellectual discourse on the future of China and India, ca. 1919-1939

Silke Martini (University of Konstanz)

Asian History in Chinese History Textbooks, 1899-1938

Stefani Jürries (University of Freiburg)

Practices of financial regionalism and the competitive construction of community in East Asia

Mikko Huotari (University of Freiburg)

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break**15:45 – 17:15 The Asia of civil society**

Chair: Judith Schlehe (University of Freiburg)

“Dreaming different dreams”? On the functions and limits of Asianisms in East Asia in the twenty-first century

Torsten Weber (University of Freiburg)

Asianisms from below: Japanese civil society and visions of Asian integration from the late 20th to 21st century

Tessa Morris-Suzuki (Australian National University, Canberra)

17:15 -18:00 Roundtable Discussion

Commentators

Paul Kratoska (National University of Singapore)

Marc Frey (Jacobs University Bremen)

19:00 Dinner (optional)

Conference Assistants (all University of Freiburg):

Kristin Kupfer, Lanfen Guo, Alexander Thies, Daniel Panusch, Elena Klorer, Hannah Weckemann, Elisabeth Schleep, Annika Renner