

Concepts and Sources of Global History

Young Researchers' Colloquium (851-0101-49L)

Time: Thu 5-7 pm, fortnightly

Location: RZ G 21

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Global History has become a vibrant field of historical research in recent years. But what exactly distinguishes Global History, on a conceptual level, from other modes of historical inquiry? And what characterizes research in Global History on an empirical level? Are there, for instance, archives and sources that are particularly suited for Global History or is it more about examining established archives and sources from new perspectives? Or is it the creative combination of established *and* new source materials that allows for a truly 'global' historical analysis?

The aim of this research colloquium is to provide a forum for young researchers to discuss these questions in a collegial and non-competitive environment. The first half of the semester is devoted to discussing and comparing programmatic texts from the field of Global History. The second half of the semester will take on the form of workshops. Young scholars are invited to present source materials from their ongoing projects. The aim is to trigger mutual reflections on which particular approaches to Global History are suited for the respective research questions, and to examine how 'the global' can be uncovered in these source materials.

**Texts in bold are required reading, the rest is voluntary. Both can be found on*

<https://polybox.ethz.ch/public.php?service=files&t=d50d15b3c9360965755c2232f17e9eb4>

17.09.2015 *Global History/World History*

*** Bayly, Christopher, *History and World History*, in: Ulinka Rublack (ed.), *A Concise Companion to History*, Oxford 2011, pp. 3-26.**

Wiesner-Hanks, Merry, *Gender History and Global History: Borders and Intersections*, in: *L'Homme. Z.F.G.*, 23/2 (2012), pp. 79-85.

Cooper, Frederick, *What is the Concept of Globalization good for? An African Historian's Perspective*, in: *African Affairs*, 100/39 (2001), pp. 189-213.

Epple, Angelika, *Globalgeschichte und Geschlechtergeschichte: Eine Beziehung mit großer Zukunft*, in: *L'Homme. Z.F.G.*, 23/2 (2012).

Sachsenmaier, Dominik, *Global Perspectives on Global History: Theories and Approaches in a Connected World*, Cambridge-New York 2011, pp. 59-109.

Are We All Global Historians Now? An Interview with David Armitage, in: *Itinerario*, 36/2 (2012), pp. 7-28.

1.10.2015 *Transnational History*

Manjapra, Kris, *Transnational Approaches to Global History: A View from the Study of German-Indian Entanglement*, in: *German History* 32/2 (2014), pp. 274-293.

Rüger, Jan, *OXO: Or, the Challenges of Transnational History*, in: *European History Quarterly* 40/4 (2010), pp. 656-668.

Pernau, Margrit, *Transnationale Geschichte*, Göttingen 2011, pp. 36-84.

Iriye, Akira, *Global and Transnational History: The Past, Present and Future*, Houndmills and New York 2013."

15.10.2015 *Microhistories/The local and the global*

Epple, Angelika, *Lokalität und die Dimensionen des Globalen. Eine Frage der Relationen*, in: *Historische Anthropologie*, 21/1 (2013), pp. 4-25.

Ghobrial, John-Paul A., *The Secret Life of Elias of Babylon and the Uses of Global Microhistory*, in: *Past and Present*, 222 (2014), pp. 51-93.

Andrade, Tonio, *A Chinese Farmer, Two African Boys, and a Warlord: Towards a Global Microhistory*, in: *Journal of World History*, 21/4 (2010), pp. 573-591.

Davis, Natalie Zemon, *Decentering History: Local Stories and Cultural Crossings in a Global World*, in: *History and Theory*, 50 (2011), pp. 188-202.

Ginzburg, Carlo, *Latitude, Slaves and the Bible: An Experiment in Microhistory*, in: *Critical Inquiry*, 32/3 (2005), pp. 665-683.

29.10.2015 *(Beyond) New Imperial History*

Arondekar, Anjali, *Without a Trace: Sexuality and the Colonial Archive*, in: *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 14/1 (2005), pp. 10-27.

Zimmerman, Andrew, *Africa in Imperial and Transnational history: Multi-sited Historiography and the Necessity of Theory*, in: *Journal of African History*, 54 (2013), pp. 331-40.

Burbank, Jane and Cooper, Frederik, *How Empire Ruled the World*, in: *Monde Diplomatique*, Jan. 2012, <http://mondediplo.com/2012/01/13empire>.

Hall, Catherine, *Civilizing Subjects: Metropole and Colony in the English Imagination 1830-1867*, Chicago 2002, Intro.

Zimmerman, Andrew, *Alabama in Africa: Booker T. Washington, the German Empire, and the Globalization of the New South*, Princeton NJ 2010, Intro.

Ballantyne, Tony and Burton, Antoinette, *Postscript: Bodies, Genders, Empires: Reimagining World Histories*, in: Ballantyne/Burton (eds.): *Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*, Durham/London 2005, pp. 405-423.

Kramer, Paul A., *Power and Connection: Imperial Histories of the United States in the World*, in: *American Historical Review* 116 (2011), no. 5, pp. 1348-91.

12.11.2015 Workshop/Presentation and discussion

19.11.2015 Talk: Prof. Robert Hellyer (Wake Forest University)
"Tea as a Pacific and Global Commodity, 1750-1900"

Location: UZH, KOL-G-203, Time: 6-8 pm

26.11.2015 Workshop/Presentation and discussion

10.12.2015 Workshop/Presentation and discussion