

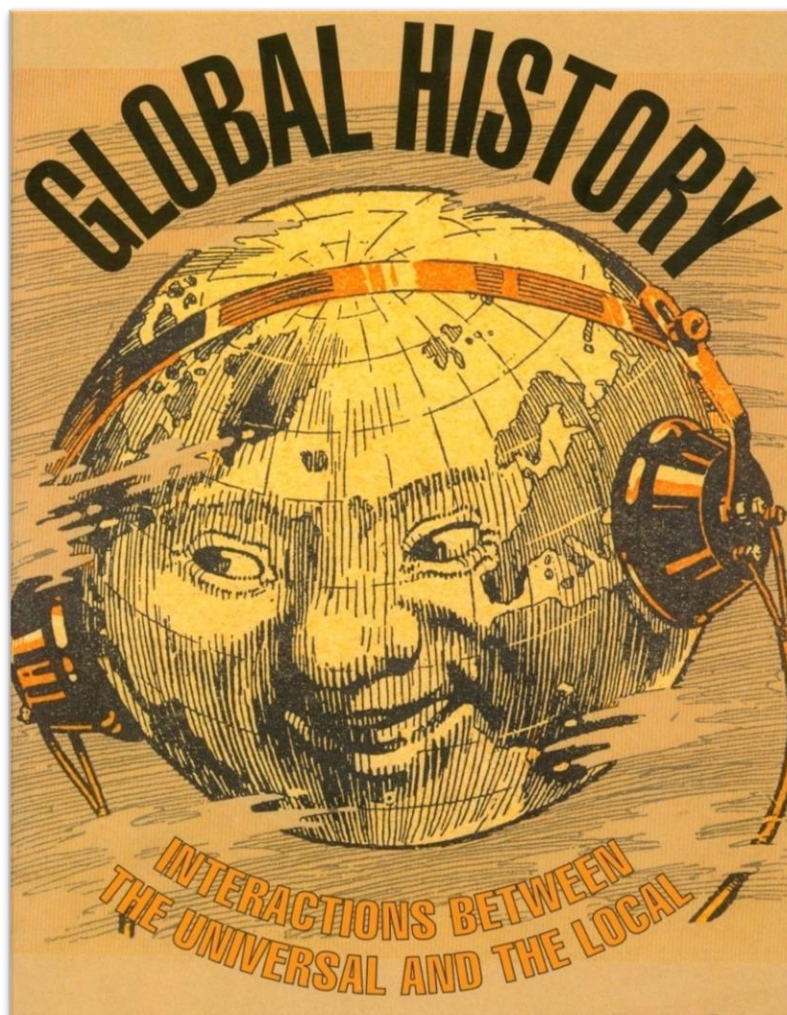
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PROFESSUR GESCHICHTE DER MODERNEN WELT

FS 2023

SE Global History: Trajectories, Themes and Approaches



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TIME: Monday 14:15-15:45

ROOM: IFW D 42

INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Dr. Harald Fischer-Tiné

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar introduces the students to one of the most vibrant new sub-fields of historical inquiry: global history. In the first three sessions, first precursors to current forms of global history-writing are discussed before its development since the 1990s is put under scrutiny. The rest of the sessions seeks to explore the most important approaches and themes that have shaped global history in the last two decades. The range of topics is wide: the work of early 'world historians' such as Marx; Oswald Spengler and Arnold Toynbee is being discussed as are the more recent trends and strands such as global intellectual history, global commodity history, or the history of the anthropocene. Participants will not only be made familiar with the historical trajectories of the field and key texts of the secondary literature, but also have an opportunity to practice work with primary source materials of various kinds.

ASSIGNMENTS

The course is evaluated on the basis of three criteria: first regular presence and participation during the sessions (20%); second the performance of preparing the texts which includes the preparation of a 1-page condensed summary (30%) ; and third: a written piece to be submitted by 1st August 2023 (40%) which can be either:

- a) a 3000 words *essay* on one of the historiographical subcurrents treated in the course. Next to the mandatory reading students are expected to read and use at least two more titles from the further readings list for this piece.
- b) a 2000 words *source analysis* on a source to be confirmed.; or:
- c) a 1,250 words *book review* of one of the following four titles:

- CONRAD, Sebastian, *What is Global History?*, Princeton, 2016.
- BECKERT, Sven and SACHSENMAIER, Dominic, *Global History, Globally: Research and Practice around the World*. London: 2018.
- MOYN, Samuel and SARTORI, Andrew, *'Global Intellectual History*, New York 2013.
- POSKETT, James, *Horizons: A Global History of Science*, London 2022.

You can upload the written essays or summaries on Moodle.

SESSION PLAN

(★ = mandatory reading available in the Moodle reader)

Session 1 (20. 02. 2023) Introduction to the course

- SCHEUZGER, Stephan, 'Global History as Polycentric History', *Comparativ*, 29 (2), 2019, pp. 122-52. ★
- CONRAD, Sebastian, 'Introduction', in: Idem, *What is Global History?*, Princeton, 2016, pp. 1-16. ★

I. TRAJECTORIES

Session 2 (27. 02. 2023)

Hegel, Marx and Weber: the universal Matrix of historical progress

- BENTLEY, Jerry H., 'Theories of World History since the Enlightenment', in: Idem (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of World History*, Oxford-New York, 2011, pp. 19-35.
- CROSSLEY, Pamela K., *What is Global History?*, Cambridge 2008, pp. 47-65.
- O'BRIEN, Patrick K., 'The Deconstruction of Myths and Reconstruction of Metanarratives' in *Global Histories of Material Progress*, in: Stuchey, Benedikt / Fuchs, Eckehardt (eds.) *Writing World History, 1800-2000*, Oxford-New York 2003, pp. 67-90. 🌐
- HART, Roger, 'Universals of Yesteryear: Hegel's Modernity in an Age of Globalization', in: Hopkins, A.G. (ed.), *Global History: Interactions between the Universal and the Local*, Houndmills-New York 2006, pp. 66-97.
- MARX, Karl, 'British rule in India', in: *New-York Daily Tribune*, 25 June 1853. [exercise in [collective source analysis](#)]

Session 3 (06. 03. 2023)

Macrohistories and 'world systems': From Spengler to Wallerstein

- FELKEN, Detlev, *Oswald Spengler: Konservativer Denker zwischen Kaiserreich und Diktatur*, München 1988.
- FARRENKOPF, John, 'Spengler's historical pessimism and the tragedy of our age', in: *Theory and Society*, 22, 1993, pp. 391-412.
- PEREIRA, Diego M., 'A Dark Root of Global History: Contributions Made by Oswald Spengler and Arnold Toynbee', *BJIR*, 10 (3), 2021, pp. 678-96. 🌐
- WOOD, John Carter, '»German foolishness« and the »prophet of doom«' Oswald Spengler and the Inter-war British Press', in: Gasimov, Z. und Duque, C.A.L. (eds.). *Oswald Spengler als europäisches Phänomen: Der Transfer der Kultur- und Geschichtsmorphologie im Europa der Zwischenkriegszeit*, Göttingen 2013, pp. 157-184.
- WALLERSTEIN, Immanuel, 'The Rise and future demise of the capitalist world system', in: *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 16(4), 1974, pp. 387-415.
- SPENGLER, Oswald, *Der Untergang des Abendlandes. Umriss einer Morphologie der Weltgeschichte* (Neudruck) München 1963. [Excerpts; exercise in [collective source analysis](#)].

- TOYNBEE, Arnold, 'My view of History', in: F. Fernandez-Armesto al. (eds), *Approaches to Global History: To See the World as a Whole*, London 2023 [1948] , pp. 277-85.



The decline of the West: cartoon portraying Oswald Spengler as the prophet of doom

Session 4 (13. 03. 2023) Global History goes mainstream: the „global turn“ since 1990

- O'BRIEN, Patrick, 'Historiographical Traditions and Modern Imperatives for the Restoration of Global History', in: *Journal of Global History*, 1 (1), 2006, pp. 1-39.
- MAZLISH, Bruce, Oswald, 'Comparing Global History to World History', in: *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 28 (3), 1998 pp. 385-95.
- MIDDELL, Matthias, 'Universalgeschichte, Weltgeschichte, Globalgeschichte, Globalisierung — ein Streit um Worte?', in: Grandner, M./Rothermund, D./ Schwentker, W. (eds.), *Globalisierung und Globalgeschichte*, Wien 2005, pp. 60-82.

- PERNAU, Margrit, *Transnationale Geschichte*, Göttingen 2011, pp. 36-84.
- MAIER, Charles S. "Dis/Relocating America: The Practice of Global History in the United States," *Internationale Geschichte in Theorie und Praxis/International History in Theory and Practice*, Wien, 2017, p. 315-332.
- SACHSENMAIER, Dominik, *Global Perspectives on Global History: Theories and Approaches in a Connected World*, Cambridge-New York 2011, pp. 59-109. 🌟

II. THEMES & APPROACHES

Session 5 (20. 03. 2023) **Time-Space-Compression: Mobilities, Networks & Standardisations**

- OGLE, Vanessa "Whose Time Is It? The Pluralization of Time and the Global Condition, 1870s–1940s," *American Historical Review*, 118 (5), 2013, pp 1376–1402. 🌟
- GEPPERT, Alexander C.T. und KÖSSLER, Till, 'Zeit-Geschichte als Aufgabe', in: Dies. (eds), *Obsession der Gegenwart: Zeit im 20. Jahrhundert*, Göttingen: V&R, 2015, pp. 1-36. ✦
- MÜLLER, Simone und TWOREK, Heidi J.S., 'The Telegraph and the Bank': On the interdependence of global communications and capitalism, *Journal of Global History*, 8 (3), 2013, pp. 259-283.
- NANNI, Giordano, *The Colonisation of Time: Ritual, Routine and Resistance in the British Empire*. Manchester, 2012, pp. 25-58.
- HUBER, Valeska, 'Multiple Mobilities: Über den Umgang mit verschiedenen Mobilitätsformen um 1900', *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 36 (2), 2010, pp. 317-41.
- MARX, Karl, 'The future results of the British rule in India', in: *New-York Daily Tribune*, 22 July 1853. and GANDHI, M.K., 'On Railways, extract from *Hind Swaraj*, 1907. [exercise in collective source analysis]

Session 6 (27. 03. 2023) **People on the move: mobility, migration and diaspora**

- BASHFORD, Alison, *Global Population: History, Geopolitics and Life on Earth*, New York, 2014, pp. 107-132.
- MCKEOWN, Adam, 'Global Migration, 1846-1940', in: *Journal of World History*, 15 (2), 2004, pp. 155-189. 🌟
- MISHRA, Amit, 'Global History of Migration(s)', in S. Becker and D. Sachsenmaier (eds), *Global History, Globally: Research and Practice around the World*. London: 2018, pp. 195-213. ✦

- CONRAD, Sebastian/MÜHLHAHN, Klaus, 'Global Mobility and Nationalism: Chinese Migration and the Reterritorialization of Belonging, 1880-1920', in: Conrad, Sebastian / Sachsenmaier, Dominic, *Conceptions of World Order: Global Historical Approaches*, New York 2007, pp. 181-211.
- WARD, Kerry, 'People in Motion', in: Northrop, Douglas, 'A Companion to World History', Malden, MA - Oxford, 2012, pp. 339-351.
- EVERILL, Bronwen, "Destiny seems to point me to that country': early nineteenth-century African American migration, emigration, and expansion', *Journal of Global History*, 7 (1) 2013, pp. 259-283.
- Hakim, Adi, Jal Bapasola, and Rustom Bhumgara, *With Cyclists around the World* (Bombay: Adi B. Hakim, 1931), [Excerpts; exercise in collective source analysis] 🌐

Session 7 (03. 04. 2023) Transnational actors: 'global microhistory' and 'global biographies'

- ANDERSON, Clare: *Subaltern Lives: Biographies of Colonialism in the Indian Ocean World 1790-1920*, Cambridge 2012, pp. 56-92.
- ANDRADE, Tonio, 'A Chinese Farmer, Two African Boys, and a Warlord: Toward a Global Microhistory', *Journal of World History*, 21 (4), 2010, pp. 573-91. 🌐
- BERTRAND, Romain, 'La micro-histoire Globale : Affaire(s) à Suivre', *Annales. Histories, Sciences Sociales*, 73 (1), 2018, pp. 3-18. 🌐
- HAUSBERGER, Bernd, 'Globalgeschichte als Lebensgeschichte(n)', in: Idem (ed.), *Globale Lebensläufe: Menschen als Akteure im weltgeschichtlichen Geschehen*, Wien 2006, pp. 9-27.
- BROWN, Mathew, 'Gregor McGregor: Clansman, Colonizer and Conquistador on the Fringes of the British Empire', in: David Lambert and Alan Lester, eds., *Colonial Lives Across the British Empire: Imperial Careering in the Nineteenth Century*, Cambridge 2006, pp. 32-57.
- 'Working with D. Spencer Hatch', *The Quill and Scroll*, September 1963, pp. 13-18., [Exercise in collective source analysis] 🌐

Session 8 (24. 04. 2023) Goods on the move: global object history and commodity chain analysis

- BECKERT, Sven, 'Emancipation and Empire: Reconstructing the Worldwide Web of Cotton Production in the Age of the American Civil War', in: *American Historical Review*, 109 (2004), pp. 1405-38. 🌐

- ZIMMERMANN, Andrew, 'A German Alabama in Africa: The Tuskegee Expedition to German Togo and the Transnational Origins of West African Cotton Growers', *American Historical Review*, 110 (5) 2005, pp. 1362-1398
- MITMAN Gregg and ERICKSON, Paul, 'Latex and Blood: Science, Markets, and American Empire', *Radical History Review* 107 (2010), pp. 45-73.
- TUCKER, Richard P., 'Rubber', in: McNeill, & J.R. Pomeranz, K. (eds), *The Cambridge World History*, Vol. VII. Pt. 2, Cambridge 2015, pp. 423-443.
- GREWE, Bernd-Stefan, 'Global Commodities and Commodity Chains', in: Roy, T. and Riello, G. (eds), *Global Economic History*, London 2019, pp. 215-28. ♦
- CHOPRA, R.N. and CHOPRA, G.S., 'Cocaine Habit in India', in: *The Indian Journal of Medical Research*, 18 (3), 1931, pp. 1013-1049 [Excerpts; exercise in collective source analysis]

Session 9 (08. 05. 2023)

Ideas on the move: Global intellectual History

- MOYN, Samuel and SARTORI, Andrew, 'Approaches to Global Intellectual History', in: Idem (eds.), *Global Intellectual History*, New York 2013, pp. 3-30.
- SACHSENMAIER, Dominic and SARTORI, Andrew, 'The Challenge of the 'Global' in Intellectual History, in: Idem (eds), *Global History, Globally*, London: Bloomsbury, 2018, pp. 215-31. ♦
- ARMITAGE, David, 'Globalizing Jeremy Bentham', *History of Political Thought*, 32 (1), 2011, pp. 62-83.
- BAYLY, C. A., 'Liberalism at Large: Mazzini in Nineteenth century Indian Thought', *Proceedings of the British Academy*, 152, 2008, pp. 355-374.
- BOTRE, Srikant and HAYNES, Douglas, 'Understanding: R. D. Karve: Brahmacharya, Modernity and the Appropriation of Global Sexual Science in Western India (1927-1953)', in: V. Fuechtner, D. Haynes & R.M. Jones (eds), *A Global History of Sexual Science (1880-1960)*, Oakland: University of California Press, 2018, pp. 163-185.
- HUI-CHI Hsu, Rachel, 'The Ellis Effect: The Translation of Sexual Science in Republican China (1911-49)', in: V. Fuechtner, D. Haynes & R. M. Jones (eds), *A Global History of Sexual Science (1880-1960)*, Oakland: University of California Press, 2018, pp. 186-210. ♦
- PAL, Bipin Chandra, 'Race equality', *The Modern Review (Calcutta)*, 9 (4), 1911, pp. 319-24 [Exercise in collective source analysis]

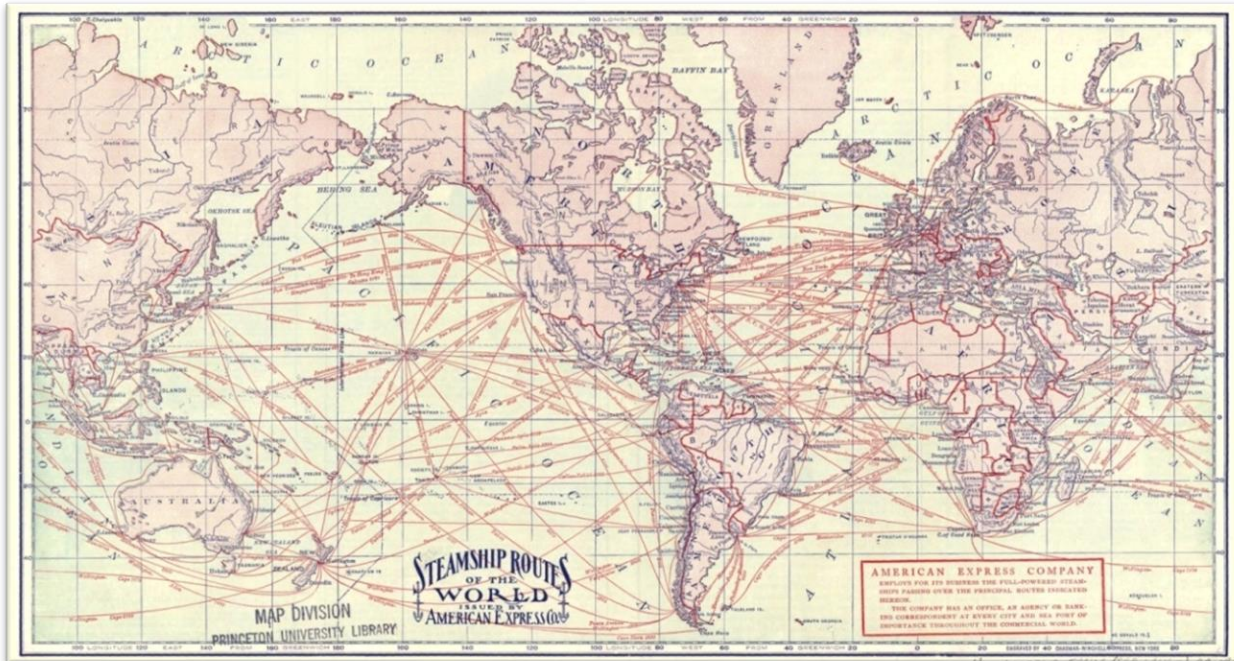
Session 10 (15. 05. 2023) **Global Histories of Science, Technology & Medicine**

- YALÇINKAYA, M. Alpa (2022). 'Globalizing science and religion': examples from the late Ottoman Empire' *The British Journal for the History of Science* 55, pp. 445–458. ♣
- SCHÄFER, Dagmar, 'Technology and Innovation in global history and in the history of the global', in: Berg, M. (ed.), *Writing the History of the Global: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Oxford 2013, pp. 147-164.
- SIDDIQUI, Asif, 'Another global history of science: making space for India and China', *British Journal for the History of Science*, 115 (1), 2016, pp. 115-143.
- RAJ, Kapil, 'Beyond Postcolonialism . . . and Postpositivism Circulation and the Global History of Science', *Isis*, 104 (2), 2013, pp. 337-47.
- SIVASUNDARAM, Sujit, 'Sciences and the Global: On Methods, Questions, and Theory', *Isis*, 101 (1), 2010, pp. 146-158. ♦
- ROBERTS, Lissa, 'Situating Science in Global History: Local Exchanges and Networks of Circulation', *Itinerario*, 33 (1), 2009, pp. 9-30.
- ELSHAKRY, Marwa, 'When science became Western: historiographical reflections', *Isis* 101(1), 2010, pp. 98–109.
- 'British Medicine In India' , in: *The British Medical Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 2421 (May 25, 1907), pp. 1245-1253. [Exercise in collective source analysis]
- RENAN, Ernest, 'Islamism and science', in Bryan Turner (ed.), *Readings in Orientalism*, London: Routledge, 2000 (first published in French, Paris 1883). [Excerpts; exercise in collective source analysis]

Session 11 (22. 05. 2023) **From the Global to the Planetary? - Histories of the Anthropocene [followed by a final discussion]**

- HUEBNER, Stefan, 'Asia's oceanic Anthropocene: How political elites and global offshore oil development moved Asian marine spaces into the new epoch', *Journal of Global History*, 18 (1), 2023, pp. 25-46. ♣
- MARKS, Robert B., 'The (Modern) World since 1500', in: J.R. McNeill and E. S. Mauldin (eds), *A Companion to Global Environmental History*, Malden 2015, pp. 57-78.
- MCNEILL, J. R. "Historians, superhistory and climate change", in: A. Jarrick, J. Myrdal and M. Wallenberg Bondesson (eds), *Methods in World History: A Critical Approach*, Lund 2016, pp. 19-43.
- CHAKRABARTY, Dipesh, 'The climate of history: Four theses', *Critical Inquiry* 35, (2009), pp. 197–222. ♦

- JORDHEIM, Helge, 'Natural Histories for the Anthropocene: Koselleck's Theories and the Possibilities for the Histories of Lifetimes', *History and Theory*, 61 (2022), pp. 391-425.



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- BENTLEY, Jerry H., (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of World History*, Oxford-New York, 2011.
- BERG, Maxine (ed.), *Writing the History of the Global: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Oxford 2013
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- DRAYTON, Richard and MOTADEL, David, 'Discussion: The futures of global history'. *Journal of Global History*, 13 (1), 2018, pp. 1-21.
- FERNANDEZ-ARMESTO, Felipe et. al. (eds), *Approaches to Global History: To See the World as a Whole*, London 2023.
- FREITAG, Ulrike and VON OPPEN, Achim (eds), *Translocality: The Study of Globalising Processes from a Southern Perspective*, Leiden 2010.
- GRANDNER, Margarete/SONDEREGGER, Arno, (Hgg.), *Globalisierung und Globalgeschichte*, Wien 2005.
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