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 researches 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](https://polybox.ethz.ch/public.php?service=files&t=d50d15b3c9360965755c2232f17e9eb4)

17.09.2015  Global History/World History


1.10.2015  **Transnational History**


15.10.2015  **Microhistories/The local and the global**


29.10.2015  **(Beyond) New Imperial History**


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