

Transnational Conversations: Scientists and the Big Questions of Twentieth-Century History

Convened by Olga Linkiewicz, (Prisma Ukraïna Visiting Fellow 2018), Katrin Steffen (Nordost-Institut Lüneburg an der Universität Hamburg, IKGn e.V.) and Maciej Górny (T. Manteuffel Institute of History, PAN, DHI Warschau)

Monday, June 25, Forum Transregionale Studien, Wallotstrasse 14

PROGRAM

10:00–10:10 Welcome: Georges Khalil (Forum Transregionale Studien)

10:10–10:30 Opening Remarks: Olga Linkiewicz (Forum Transregionale Studien; IH PAN)

10:30–12:30 Session I

Chair: Katrin Steffen (Nordost-Institut Lüneburg an der Universität Hamburg, IKGn e.V.)

Guido Hausmann (University of Regensburg), *Continuities in times of revolutionary changes: The geographer Veniamin P. Semenov Tian-Shanskii, Friedrich Ratzel and Russia's place in the world (World War I and the early Soviet time period)*

Steven Seegel (University of Northern Colorado), *From Soil to Science: Ideology and the Transnational Fate(s) of Revolutionary Belarus in the Life and Work of the Geographer Arkadz Smolich (1891–1938)*

Morgane Labbé (EHES–Paris), *Population scientists and political change (in Poland 20th): Behind the cold objectivity of numbers*

Commentators: Denis Eckert (Centre Marc Bloch–Berlin), Maciej Górny (IH PAN; DHI–Warsaw)

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 Session II

Chair: Maciej Górny (IH PAN; DHI–Warsaw)

Maria Rhode (University of Göttingen), *Colonial questions and colonial science? Anthropology and the State in interwar Poland*

Sofiya Grachova (University of Erfurt), *Anthropology, Truth, and Self-Fashioning: Lives and Work of Rostyslav Yendyk (1906–1974) and Lev Nikolaev (1898–1954)*

Commentators: Udo Mischek (University of Göttingen), Thomas Reinhardt (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

15:30–15:45 Coffee Break

15:45–17:45 Session III

Chair: Olga Linkiewicz (Forum Transregionale Studien; IH PAN)

Richard McMahon (University of Portsmouth), *Transnational to international: the respublica literaria and institutionalisation in the race anthropology of Europeans*

Iris I. Clever (UCLA) *Unwieldy Calipers: How an Instrument Survived the 20th Century*

Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa), *Villem Flusser's Writings on Photography and on Judaism*

Commentator: Ursula Ferdinand (Institut für Geschichte der Medizin und Ethik in der Medizin, Charité–Berlin)

17:45–18:45 Concluding Remarks: Andrea F. Bohlman (UNC, Chapel Hill), Michael G. Müller (The Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg), All Speakers

19:00 Dinner