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RUPTURES AND LINKAGES: BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY IN THE SOUTH

An international conference organised by the German Historical Institute London (GHIL) and
the Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (ZMO)

London, 16-18 February 2012

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 16 February 2012

1.00 Arrival

1.30 Welcome by Andreas Gestrich, Director of the GHIL

Introduction by Heike Liebau, Achim von Oppen and Silke Strickrodt, conference convenors

2.00 Panel 1: Biographical Ruptures in Translocal Contexts

Chair: Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth)

A.R. Venkathachalapathy (Singapore), From Erode to Volga: Periyar EVR's European Tour, 1932

Dyala Hamzah (Berlin), Biography and 'Gray Zones': The 'German Career' of the Pan-Arabist
Darwish al-Miqdadi (1897-1961) in Nazi Germany, 1936-1939

3.20 Tea and Coffee (in the Common Room)

3.50 Panel 1: Biographical Ruptures in Translocal Contexts (cont.)

Chair: Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth)

Chanfi Ahmed (Berlin), Salafism and Anti-colonialism by Taqiyyu ad-Din al-Hilali, a Moroccan
'alim and a Great Traveller (Twentieth Century)

Folasade Hunsu (Ile-Ife), Of Life and Metaphors: Reading a Nigerian Wife's Experience of
Translocation in Hilda Ogbe's Autobiography *The Crumbs off the Wife's Table* (2001)

5.10 Short Break

5.20 Panel 2: Family Biographies across Time and Space

Chair: Deborah Gaitskell (London)

Stefanie Michels (Frankfurt), Biographies in a Family History of Cosmopolitan Mobility between Africa, America and Europe

Waltraud Ernst (Oxford) and Heike Liebau (Berlin), (Post-)Colonial Re-Dislocations: The Family Trajectories of Four Generations in Colonial India and Post-Colonial Pakistan, Late Nineteenth/Early Twentieth-Century Germany and Modern Britain

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9.00 Panel 2: Family Biographies across Time and Space (cont.)

Chair: Deborah Gaitskell (London)

Peter Delius (Johannesburg) and Kirsten Rüter (Hannover), The King, the Missionary and the Missionary's Daughter: Related but Fractured Biographies from South Africa

Khumisho Moguerane (Pretoria/Oxford), A History of an African Family North of the Cape Colony, 1890-1927: Schooling, Employment and Later Lives of Sons and Daughters

10.30 Tea and Coffee (in the Common Room)

11.00 Panel 3: Biographies as Knowledge

Chair: Javed Majeed (London)

Nilanjan Sarkar (London), Translocalising Death: Biography and Post-Life Identity in Medieval South India

Kai Kresse (Berlin), Biographies and Trajectories of Islamic Reform: Cases from the Swahili coast

Sophie Roche (Berlin), Becoming Experts: Biographies of Social Scientists against the Background of Political and Social Transformations in Central Asia

1.00 Lunch (in the Common Room)

2.00 Panel 4: Collective Biographies and Networks

Chair: Silke Strickrodt (London)

Brigitte Reinwald (Hannover), A Long Way from Africa: Claude McKay on African-American Encounters and 'Black Sociality' in Post-First World War Marseille

Joachim Oesterheld (Berlin), The Years in Interwar Berlin: Implications for the Biographies of Indian Students

Joan Haig (Edinburgh), The Place of Collective Biography in Understanding Settler Minorities' Pasts

4.00 Tea and Coffee (in the Common Room)

4.30 Film 'Die Prinzessin von Sansibar' (Tink Diaz, 2007) with comment by Souda Barwani (Hamburg) and discussion

Chair: Heike Liebau (Berlin)

7.00 Dinner (in the Library)

Saturday, 18 February 2012

9.00 Panel 5: Biographies and the Boundaries of History: New Challenges

Chair: Martin Klein (Toronto/Berlin)

Kristin Mann (Atlanta), Writing the Trans-Atlantic Biographies of Slaves and Freed People: West Africa and Brazil

Richard Wittmann (Istanbul), In Search of the Ottoman Individual: A Multiethnic Empire and Its Fragmented Historiographies

Benjamin Zachariah (Berlin/Sheffield), The Biographical Temptation: The Individual as Metonymy for 'Community', 'Nation' and 'Species'

11.00 Tea and Coffee (in the Common Room)

11.30 Concluding Discussion

Chair: Andreas Gestrich (London)

Discussants: Dyala Hamza (Berlin), Martin Klein (Toronto/Berlin), Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth)

1.30 End of Conference