



ZMO-Kolloquium Winter Term 2013/2014

Fuelling Societies: Energy Resources and Politics 'From Below'

Venue:

Zentrum Moderner Orient
Kirchweg 33
14129 Berlin

Thursday, 26 September 2013, **5 pm**

The Devil's Money: A Multi-level Approach to the Disordering in Oil-producing Southern Chad

Dr Andrea Behrends (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg)

Thursday, 31 October 2013, 6 pm

Resource Sovereignties: Converting Energy into Political Power

Dr John-Andrew McNeish (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas)

Thursday, 28 November 2013, 6 pm

Solar Power for the Poor: New Models of Business and User Networks in India

Dr Jamie Cross (University of Edinburgh)

Thursday, 12 December 2013, 6 pm

Oil, Water, and the Writing of History in Southern Arabia

Prof. Mandana E. Limbert (Queens College, New York)

Thursday, 30 January 2014, 6 pm

Crude Power: Rethinking Oil and Politics

Prof. Kaveh Ehsani (DePaul University, Chicago)

Concept & Organization:
Dr Jeanne Féaux de la Croix
Claudia Schröder

Resource wealth is a chance for prosperity, but also puts societies under enormous strain: The blessing of plenty may tip into economic scarceness, social disruption and political marginalization. Studies of energy resources and resource politics often focus on geopolitical issues, national and regional decision-making. The ZMO lecture series examines how such decisions shape – and are shaped by – the non-elites or 'small people' usually left out of these analyses. The series investigates how oil extractive industries, attempts to introduce alternative energies or connected domestic and international development plans affect local populations – for better or worse. Considering the 'small people' as active participants rather than bystanders or solely victims of these processes, the lectures highlight people's multiple strategies of – and sometimes failure of – engaging, challenging or coping with the consequences of resource wealth.

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