

International Workshop

Roads as Routes to Modernity

October 5th - 6th, 2012

Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin

Organizers: Florian Riedler, Nitin Sinha

Friday, October 5th, 2012

9.30-10.00 Welcome and Introduction

10.00-12.15 **Panel #1: Making Empires**

Jesse C. Howell, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University:

The Ragusa Road: Mobility and Encounter in the Ottoman Balkans, 1430 - 1700

Fulya Özkan, Department of History, State University of New York at Binghamton:

Winding Road to Modernization: Trabzon-Bayezid Road in the Late Ottoman World, 1840s - 1910s

Paulami Guha Biswas, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi:

Joining the Fragments and Building a Road: Road Surveys in Early Colonial Eastern India

12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.45 **Panel #2: Building the Nation-State**

Barış Ülker, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University (TU) Berlin:

Ernst Reuter's Trajectories on the Modernization of Turkey

Begum Adalet, University of Pennsylvania:

The Road to Modernization: Negotiations of Expertise in Highway Engineering

14.45-15.15 Coffee Break

15.15-16.45 **Panel #3: Moving Along**

Burcu Özgüven, Trakya University, Edirne, Turkey:

From London to Istanbul: International Motor Road Project in the 1930s

Manfred Pfaffenthaler, Centre for Southeast European History, Karl-Franzens University Graz:

Migration Routes as Intermediary Spaces: The Guest Workers' Route

Saturday, October 6th, 2012

9.45-12.00 **Panel #4: Securing Colonies?**

Libbie Freed, History Department, SUNY Potsdam:
Good Enough For What? Infrastructure Tensions in France's Equatorial African Colonies in the 1930s

Enrique Martino, Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin:
The Constant Forced Labour on Roads in Central Africa: Spanish-Guinea, 1929 - 1968

Lipokmar Dzvichu, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi:
Roads and the Raj: The Politics of Road Building in a South Asian Borderland, 1860s - 1910s

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.00 **Summary and Future Plan**