



Translocality: An Approach to Globalising Phenomena?

Tenth Anniversary Conference
Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin
September 26-28, 2006

The conference takes as its vantage point ZMO's thematic focus on African and Asian societies and cultures. It aims at exploring a variety of approaches and processes which are connected to globalisation from different disciplinary perspectives. The conference will contribute to the ongoing critical discussion of globalisation by focusing on the often ignored agency and perception of actors from the South. Attempts to cope with this challenge both conceptually and methodologically have created a new attention to migration, diaspora, transnationalism, cosmopolitanism and transculturation, but also to the limits and regulation of flows inherent in globalisation. Using the concept of translocality, ZMO has made a specific contribution towards a better understanding of the complexity of globalising processes. Translocality here serves both as a research perspective and as concept to grasp particular empirical realities. Each of the conference sessions assembles a number of case studies from different regional and disciplinary angles which relate to a particular set of translocality-related concepts. This allows for systematic comparisons and the testing of different theoretical approaches. The papers are not read individually but summarised and commented upon by a discussant.

Tuesday, 26 September 2006 at 19.30

Welcome and Opening by Ulrike Freitag, Director of the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

Keynote Lecture
Reinventing the Ummah? The Trans-Locality of Pan-Islam
James Piscatori (Oxford)

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Wednesday, 27 September 2006, 9.00 - 19.00

Panel 1: Historical Meso-Regions as Conceptual Frames for the Study of Translocal Phenomena

Convenors/Chairs: Katrin Bromber (ZMO), Florian Riedler (ZMO)
Papers by: Katrin Bromber (ZMO), Florian Riedler (ZMO), Judith Scheele (Oxford), Stefan Troebst (Leipzig)
Discussant: Abdul Sheriff (Zanzibar)

Panel 2: Alternate Globalities

Convenors/Chairs: Dietrich Reetz (ZMO), Lutz Rogler (ZMO)
Papers by: Marloes Janson (ZMO), Roman Loimeier (ZMO), Joachim Oesterheld (Berlin), Dietrich Reetz (ZMO)
Discussant: Abdulkader I. Tayob (Kapstadt), to be confirmed

Panel 3: Localising the Global – Globalising the Local

Convenors/Chairs: Achim von Oppen (ZMO), Bettina Dennerlein (ZMO)
Papers by: Merih Erol (Istanbul), Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam), Nora Lafi (ZMO), Miloš Mendel (Prag), Anja Peleikis (Halle), Margrit Pernau (Erfurt), Katja Werthmann (Mainz)
Discussants: Kate Crehan (New York), Randi Deguilhem (Aix-en-Provence)

Round Table Discussion: Translocality and Hermeneutic Practice: Any Fusion of Horizons?

Moderator: Kai Kresse (ZMO)
Participants: Dyala Hamzah (ZMO), Bruce Janz (Florida), Michael Lambek (Toronto), Achim von Oppen (ZMO)

Thursday, 28 September 2006, 9.00 - 18.00

Panel 4: Mediated Diasporas

Convenors/Chairs: Malte Fuhrmann (ZMO), Farish Noor (ZMO)
Papers by: Sophie Lamiere (Paris), Farish Noor (ZMO), Nicholas Jaoul (Paris), Christoph Schumann (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
Discussant: Martin van Bruinessen (Leiden)

Panel 5: Marginal Actors and Transfers in Mobility Processes

Convenors/Chairs: Elisabeth Boesen (ZMO), Laurence Marfaing (ZMO)
Papers by: Ravi Ahuja (ZMO), Elisabeth Boesen (ZMO), Harald Fischer-Tiné (Berlin/Hamburg), Karin Guercassimof (Hamburg), Krishna Kumar (Delhi)
Discussant: Mirjam de Bruijn (Leiden)

Panel 6: Networks and Power

Convenors/Chairs: Chanfi Ahmed (ZMO)
Papers by: Chanfi Ahmed (ZMO), Jan-Peter Hartung (Erfurt), Beatrix Heintze (Frankfurt/M.), Gudrun Lachenmann (Bielefeld), Thomas Zitelmann (Berlin)
Discussant: Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum)

Final Round Table

Participants: Ulrike Freitag (ZMO), Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam), Hans-Jürgen Puhle (Frankfurt/M.), Gerd Spittler (Bayreuth)

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