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Program

**Life Writing – Writing Lives  
Engaging Knowledge, Time and Self**

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## **Program**

### **Wednesday, September 30th**

- 13:30** Arrival
- 14:00** Welcome & Introduction  
Heike Liebau & Saadi Norman Nikro
- Session one**  
Chair: Heike Liebau (ZMO)
- 14:30 - 15:30** - **Laila Parsons** (McGill University): *Self-representation, sources, and the biographer's craft*  
Discussant: Egodi Uchendu
- 15:30 - 16:30** - **Nils Riecken** (ZMO): *Re-reading (auto)biography as a temporal practice: subjectivity, critique, and power*  
Discussant: Smaran Dayal
- 16:30 - 17:00** Coffee Break
- Session two**  
Chair: Saadi Norman Nikro (ZMO)
- 17:00 - 18:00** - **Ali Raza** (Lahore University of Management Sciences): *Musa Say Marx Tak: Sibte Hasan and the life worlds of Pakistani progressives*  
Discussant: Yasmin Saikia
- 19:30** Dinner

### **Thursday, October 1st**

- Session three**  
Chair: Samuli Schielke (ZMO)
- 10:00 - 11:00** - **Nilanjan Sarkar** (London School of Economics & Political Science): *Writing artefactual lives: Producing history in colonial India*  
Discussant: Regina Sarreiter
- 11:00 - 12:00** - **Saadi Norman Nikro** (ZMO): *Edward Said: Life writing and critical practice*  
Discussant: Paola Abenante
- 12:00 - 13:00** Lunch
- Session four**  
Chair: Larissa Schmid (ZMO)
- 13:00 - 14:00** - **Heike Liebau** (ZMO): *Re-configuring world views / re-positioning oneself: discourses and networks in the lives of Sattar and Jabbar Kheiri*  
Discussant: Ali Raza
- 14:00 - 15:00** - **Larissa Schmid** (ZMO): *'A trip around the world': Otto Stiehl's photographs of colonial prisoners of war in Germany during World War I*  
Discussant: Laila Parsons
- 15:00 - 15:30** Coffee break
- Session five**  
Chair: Regina Sarreiter (ZMO)
- 15:30 - 18:00** Film screening: Angelika Levi, *My Life Part 2*, Discussion
- 18:30** Dinner

## Friday, October 2nd

### **Session six**

Chair: Nilanjan Sarkar (LSE)

**10:00 - 11:00**

- **Yasmin Saikia** (Arizona State University):  
*Becoming free from colonialism: 'Middle-actors' and a different imagination of 'The Republic of God'*  
Discussant: Nils Riecken

**11:00 - 12:00**

- **Paola Abenante** (University of Milano-Bicocca):  
*'Narration is not something we say but something that we live...we live theatrically.'* *Staging life from the perspective of an Egyptian theatre director*  
Discussant: Samuli Schielke

**12:00 - 13:00**

Lunch

### **Session seven**

Chair: Paola Abenante (University of Milano-Bicocca)

**13:00 - 14:00**

- **Samuli Schielke** (ZMO) and **Mukhtar Shehata** (Egyptian novelist): *The milieu and the writer in Alexandria's literary circles*  
Discussant: Saadi Norman Nikro

**14:00 - 14:30**

Coffee break

### **Session eight**

Chair: Nils Riecken (ZMO)

**14:30 - 15:30**

- **Regina Sarreiter** (ZMO): *First thoughts towards writing the lives of an ethnological collection*  
Discussant: Silke Strickrodt

**15:30**

Final discussion

**ca. 16:00**

End of conference

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