

Mapping Asia.

Cartography and the Construction of Territoriality

Thursday, 24th November 2022

11:00–12:30 *Sandwiches and Registration*

12:30–14:00 Panel 1: Definitions of “Asia”

Official Welcome by Iris Schröder, Professor of Global History and Director of the Centre for Transcultural Studies

Sandeep Bhardwaj (Ashoka University, India) – Defining “Asia”: Multiple Views of Asian Geography in the Indian Discourse (1919–1947)

Sofia Gavrilova (IfL Leipzig) – Imagining “Soviet Asia”: Late Imperial and Early Soviet Cartography of Central Asia

José Miguel Vidal Kunstmann (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) – Accommodation, Centrality, and Symmetry in Lü Fu 呂撫 (1671–1742)’s “Comprehensive Map of Heaven and Earth” (Tiandi quantu 天地全圖, 1722)

14:15–16:45 Visit to the Perthes Collection and Presentations

Welcome by Petra Weigel, Head of the Perthes Collection/Gotha Research Library

Presentations of a selection of artefacts by Iris Schröder, Patrick Müller, Frances O’Morchoe and Claudia Berger

16:45–17:15 *Coffee Break*

17:15–18:45 Panel 2: Borderlands

Shah Mahmoud Hanifi (James Madison University, USA) – Hindu Kush Maps in the Cartographic History of Afghanistan

Yonglin Jiang (Bryn Mawr College, USA) – Mapping a Miao Place: The Construction of the Colonized “Miao Territory” in Qing Dynasty Cartography

Chechesh Kudachinova (Mannheim) – Closing The Gap Between Two Empires: The Altay Mountains in Russian Imperial Imaginaries and Realities

19:00 *Conference Dinner (Restaurant Pagenhaus)*

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Friday, 25th November 2022

9:00–9:30 Coffee Reception

9:30–11:00 Panel 3: Knowledge Production

Ines Eben von Racknitz (Berlin) – Mapping War in China: The Case of the Taiping Rebellion in 1858–1860

Diana Lange (Universität Hamburg) – Knowledge, Science and Empires: the Mapping of Tibet in Europe and Asia

Vera Dorofeeva-Lichtmann (CNRS–EHESS, France/MPIWG Berlin) – Chinese Manuscript Map of the Qing Empire (ca. 1819–1832), rediscovered in the Göttingen State and University Library: a Hybrid Cartography Case

11:00–13:00: Sandwiches & Coffee

13:00–14:30 Panel 4: Japan – Localities and Globalisation

Michael Kinski, Koray Birenheide, Luca Ciani (Universität Frankfurt) – An Early Modern Japanese Map goes Digital: The On Edo ezu as an Interactive Resource

Mengfei Pan (Kokugakuin University, Japan) – Mapping the Local Persona: Cartographic Directories in Meiji Japan

Jonas Rüegg (Zürich) – Nan'yō, or: The Invention of Japan's Pacific

14:30–15:00 Coffee Break

15:00–16:30 Roundtable. Conclusion of the Event