

Conference Programme
Why Intelligence?
The political and social roots of a scientific object

22 February 2024, Thursday

8:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome speech:

Bernhard Kleeberg (University of Erfurt) & **Alexej Lochmatow** (University of Erfurt)

9:00 – 11:00 Panel 1 // Moderation: Jörg Hügel (Leuphana Universität Lüneburg)

Dirk Schuck (University of Erfurt), The Moral Intelligence of Civil Society as a Collective Endeavor: The Sentimentalist Idea of Social Control

Alexej Lochmatow (University of Erfurt), ‘Intelligence’ as a Form of ‘Sociological Thinking’: Nineteenth Century Concepts of Collective Knowledge

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:15 Panel 2 // Moderation: Johanna Hügel (University of Erfurt)

Laurens Schlicht (University of Saarland) [ONLINE], Intelligence and Morality. On the Psychological Construction of the Interdependence of ‘Moral’ and ‘Intellectual’ Capacities, Germany, 1910–1930

Anne D. Peiter (Université de la Réunion) [ONLINE], On the Greatness of Intelligence and Wretchedness of Stupidity. Reflections on ethnic stereotypes in German and Belgian Colonial Literature and its Consequences for the Genocide against the Tutsi in 1994

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 16:15 Panel 3 // Moderation: Jan Surman (Czech Academy of Sciences)

Tomás Irish (Swansea University), Saving Intellectual Life: Humanitarianism and Reconstruction after the First World War

Alexander Dmitriev (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Literacy, Reading, Intelligence: Quantitative Dimensions of the Ukrainian National Question in the Late Nineteenth Century and the First Decades of the Twentieth Century

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:30 Panel 4 // Moderation: Bernhard Kleeberg (University of Erfurt)

Susanne Schregel (University of Copenhagen), Distinguishing animals and humans. Perspectives on animal intelligence (Great Britain, Germany, 1870-1900)

Andy Byford (Durham University), Intelligence on the Human-Animal Boundary in the Early 1930s’ Soviet Union

19:00 Dinner (Restaurant ‚Nerly‘, Marktstraße 6, 99084 Erfurt)

23 February 2024, Friday

9:00 – 11:00 Panel 1 // Moderation: **Karin Reichenbach** (GWZO Leipzig)

Hailian Chen (University of Bochum), Approaching Human Capital: From a German missionary Ernst Faber (1839–1899) to the Regrouping of Intellectuals and Skillful Persons in Qing China's Educational Reforms

Şeyma Afacan (University of Kirklareli), If Turks were smart indeed? Class, Race, and Intelligence Testing in the early Republic of Turkey

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:15 Panel 2 // Moderation: **Verena Lehmbrock** (University of Erfurt)

Nora Binder (University of Konstanz), From IQ to Competence as a Key to a „Successful Life“ (*cancelled*)

Agnes Bauer (University of Potsdam), Facets of Practical Intelligence in Discourses of German Vocational Psychology, 1920s-1960s

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:15 Panel 3 // Moderation: **Serhii Zhabin** (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

Maxim Miroshnichenko (Global Center for Advanced Studies, Dublin), The Metabolic Recursivity: Reflexion in Non-Neuromimetic Machines?

Dinah Pfau (University of Luxemburg), Steinbuch's Matrices: Epistemology of an Artificial Neural Network

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Panel 4 // Moderation: **Bernhard Kleeberg** (University of Erfurt)

Rudolf Seising (Deutsches Museum, Munich), Intelligence and Information: A Historical Conceptualisation

16:30 – 17:00 Final Discussion // Moderation: **Dietlind Hüchtker** (University of Vienna) & **Alexej Lochmatow** (University of Erfurt)

