Asymmetrical Neighbours: Minor Players and Empires in the Early Modern and Modern Borderlands

Evangelische Stadtmission, Carl-Winter-Saal
Plöck 18, Heidelberg

February 9, 2024

10:00–10:30  Opening

10:30–12:30  Pawns or Players? The Role of Small Actors in the Process of Shaping the Boundaries
Chair  Gotelind Müller-Saini
10:30-11:10  Gábor Kármán, How Do You Expand an Empire without Crossing the Border? The Ottoman Empire and Transylvania in the 1660s–1670s
11:50-12:30  Igor Chabrowski, Borders to Be Made – Revolutions, Restorations, and Reformulations of the Sino-Indochinese and Sino-Burmese Frontier Between 1949-1954

12:30–13:30  Lunch

13:30–15:30  Porosity and Permeability of the Ottoman Borderlands
Chair  Gábor Kármán
13:30-14:10  Henning Sievert, Crossing Borders Between Persia and the Ottoman Empire (c. 1730)
14:10-14:50  Benjamin Weineck, Ottoman Dersim, or: How to Govern the Ungovernable Border
14:50-15:30  Natalia Królikowska-Jedlińska, The Fortress of Hotin as the Newly Created Centre of Power on the Ottoman Northern Border (1712-1714)

15:30–16:00  Coffee Break

16:00–17:20  Propagating Ideas Across the Borders
Chair  Nicolas Jaspert
16:00-16:40  Simone Lombardo, The Dream of Becoming Great Again. Genoa, the Empires, and the Secret Plans to Reconquer Crimea in 1481
Ivan Sablin, Minor Players and the Global Imperial Crisis: Koreans and Buriat-Mongols in the Russian Imperial Revolution and the Soviet New Imperialism, 1905–1926

Dinner 18:30 in Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg AG (Leyergasse 6)

February 10, 2024

9:30–11:30 Sensitivity Masters and Information Brokers. On the Communication Dynamics Between Small States and Empires

Chair Anna Kollatz

9:30-10:10 Tetiana Grygorieva, Cossack Ukraine's Communication Patterns with Its Multiple Protectors

10:10-10:50 Lovro Kunčević, The Espionage of Early Modern Ragusa and Its (Ab)Uses in Diplomacy

10:50-11:30 Gianni Pignone, A Question of Loyalty and Disloyalty? Local Lords in 15th -Century Ticino Between Milan, the Confederacy and the Empire

11:30–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–14:00 Cultural Crossroads: Exploring the Interplay of Beliefs, Arts, Technologies, and Customs in Borderlands

Chair Marek Pawelczak

12:00-12:40 Gotelind Müller-Saini, Harbin: Deathscapes in a Borderland.

12:40-13:20 Anna Kollatz, The Rif and the City: Picturing Divides in 1920s-1930s Egyptian Cartoons

13:20-14:00 Pankoj Sarkar, Negotiating Borders in Between Colonised and Colonial World: Science, Knowledge, and Expertise in Shaping India During Colonial Era

14:00–14:30 Concluding Remarks

14:30 Lunch