

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

11:10-11:50 Marek Pawełczak, “Old” and New Borders in the African Interlacustrine Region in the Early Colonial Period (1890–1914)

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

16:40-17:20 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 Rīf 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