Subversive Networks:
Agents of Change in International Organizations, 1920-1960

International Conference at the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”
Heidelberg University, December 4-6, 2014

Program
Thursday, December 4

6:30 pm  
REGISTRATION

6:45 pm  
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Madeleine Herren (University of Basel)

7:15 pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE I
Corinna Unger (Jacobs University Bremen): Integrating International Organizations into International History: Opportunities and Challenges

Friday, December 5

09:30 am -11:00 am  
PANEL I: (POST-)WARTIME HUMANITARIAN ACTION
Chair: Lisa-Marie Zoller (Heidelberg University)
Discussant: Peter Gatrell (University of Manchester)
Speaker1: Kenneth Steuer (Western Michigan University): The YMCA as an Agent of Change for the Welfare of Young Men: War Prisoners' Aid Operations, 1915-1923
Speaker2: Alexandra Pfeiff (European University Institute, Florence): The Subversive and the Collaborative Nature of Humanitarianism: The Chinese Red Cross Society and the Red Swastika Society During the Second World War

11:30 am -1:00 pm  
PANEL II: MIDDLE-EASTERN AGENCIES
Chair: Patrizia Kern (Heidelberg University)
Discussant: Cemil Aydin (University of North Carolina)
Speaker1: Sarah D. Shields (University of North Carolina): Nationalist Agitators Revise the Border: Local Actors, the League of Nations, and the Changing Map of Interwar Syria
Speaker2: Carolin Liebisch (Heidelberg University): Universalizing the League From Below: Rhetoric and Politics of Turkish Membership in the League of Nations
Speaker3: Florian Riedler (ZMO Berlin): The Role of Military Networks in Redefining German-Turkish Relations in the Interwar Period

2:30 pm -4:00 pm  
PANEL III: CHALLENGING POWER HIERARCHIES
Chair: Isabella Löhr (University of Basel/HU Berlin)
Discussant: Hubertus Büschel (Giessen University)
Speaker1: Katja Naumann (GWZO Leipzig) Confident Acting and Networking: Instances from East Central Europeans in the League of Nations
Speaker3: Philmon Ghirmay (Heidelberg University/University of Basel): Negotiating
Decolonization on African Soil. International Conferences in Accra and Cairo in the Late 1950s

4:30 pm PANEL IV: NEW AGENTS AND ARENAS
-6:00 pm
Chair: Christiane Sibille (DDS Bern)
Discussant: Roland Wenzlhuemer (Heidelberg University)
Speaker1: Katharina Rietzler (University of Sussex): Subversion from Above? Think Tank Networks, U.S. Philanthropy and the Crises of the 1930s
Speaker2: Sandra S. Collins (California State University): The Alluring Contradictions of 1930s Japanese Olympic Diplomacy
Speaker3: Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington): Burying the Hatchet: The Boy Scouts and the Infantilization of Peace

6:15 pm KEYNOTE LECTURE II

Saturday, December 6

09:30 am PANEL V: INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL: BUREAUCRATS, EXPERTS, ACTIVISTS
-11:00 am
Chair: Susanne Hohler (Heidelberg University)
Discussant (via skype): Glenda Sluga (University of Sydney)
Speaker1: Benjamin Auberer (Heidelberg University): Digesting the League of Nations. Planning the International Administration of the Future, 1941-1944
Speaker2: Corinne Pernet (University of Basel): Female, “Queer”, and Modest Background: Gabriela Mistral and the Usefulness of Subversive Networks at the League of Nations
Speaker3: Elisabetta Tollardo (University of Oxford): Italians in the League of Nations: Nationalism and Internationalism

11:30 am PANEL VI: CONTESTING GLOBALIZED LAW AND STANDARDS
-1:00 pm
Chair: Benjamin Auberer (Heidelberg University)
Discussant: Iris Schröder (University of Erfurt)
Speaker1: Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal (University of Cambridge/British Institute Ankara): The International Campaign to Suppress the Traffic in Narcotics and its Discontents, 1919-1936
Speaker3: Carolien Stolte (Harvard University/Leiden University): Who Speaks for Asia? Trade Union Politics Behind the Asian Representatives at the ILO, 1920-1947

2:00 pm FINAL DISCUSSION AND FAREWELL
-2:30 pm