Editorial

Dear colleagues and friends,

almost exactly a year ago, our Cluster was officially opened after a hectic period of building up our structures from scratch. During the past 12 months, we have moved into the core research phase with nearly 60 research projects, about 250 members, and a growing presence in the scholarly world through conferences, presentations and publications. The Cluster has been able to attract much talent. These are reasons to rejoice and be grateful.

But great challenges are also lying before us. Mastering them will require the best efforts of each one of us, but as we are engaged in transcultural research, much depends on our working with others who have different specialties, and to learn from projects and scholars whose topic seems far away from our own. The Newsletter is to keep the members of the Cluster, our cooperation partners, and others interested in our work abreast of things past and coming.

We hope you find the following announcements of coming events as well as the overview over past events, reviews and publications to be of use. Please be sure to let us have all relevant information for the next edition. And do not forget to visit the new Cluster website!

Best regards,

Rudolf Wagner
Acting Director

Brigitte Merz
Scientific Project Manager

The following pages offer a selection of Cluster-related news and events. For further details, please refer to the Cluster’s website at www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de.
Lectures and Panel Discussions

November 25, 2009, 11 am: Shirley Abraham and Amit Madhesiya (both India): "The Pilgrims of Cinema: Exploring associations of patrons in villages of western India with the annual spectacle of cinema, which unfolds with the arrival of the touring talkies"


November 30, 2009, 4 pm: Dhruv Raina (Delhi): "The Changing Maps of Knowledge: A View from the South Asian History of Sciences".


December 4, 2009, 7 pm: Jan Assmann (Heidelberg/Konstanz): "Die Thera-Katastrophe und die Archive des Menschheitsgedächtnisses: Zeruya Shalevs Roman Thera (2005)" (The Thera Catastrophe and the Archives of Mankind Memory: Zeruya Shalev's Novel 'Thera' (2005)) (part of the conference “Learning from Disaster from Antiquity to Early Modern Times”)

December 10, 2009, 6.15 pm: Thomas Leisten (Princeton): "Adaptation, Interpretation and Misunderstanding: The After-Life and Disappearance of Pictorial Programmes of Classical Antiquity during the Early Islamic Period" (part of the lecture series “Power of Things”)

December 18, 2009, 3 pm: Sarah Schmitz (Halle): "Nomads and Sedentary People in Times of Disaster: Demography, Resources and Power in Egypt due to the Plague of 748/1347"


January 21, 2010, 6.15 pm: Charles Burnett (London): "Musical Instruments as Conveyors of Meaning from One Culture to Another" (part of the lecture series “The Power of Things”)

June 9, 2010: **Wolfgang Schwentker (Osaka University)**: "Japanese Response to the Tianamen Massacre".

### Lecture Series

Lieselotte E. Saurma (Project D3, “Images of Alterity in East and West”) from **Research Area D** has been kind enough to organize the Cluster lecture series **“The Power of Things and the Flow of Cultural Transformations.”** It is taking place on Thursdays 6.15 pm to 8 pm starting October 15. Please download the [complete programme](#) (pdf, 102 kb) from our Cluster website.

*Photo: Maori house post figure. © The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Michael C. Rockefeller Memorial Collection, bequest of Nelson A. Rockefeller, 1979 (1979.206.1508) (Detail)*

### Workshops and Conferences

Project **D7 "Oriental Cults"** has organised a workshop on **“Religious Flows in the Roman Empire – the Expansion of Oriental Cults (Isis, Mithras, Iuppiter Dolichenus) from East to West and Back Again”** taking place at the Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg, from November 26 to 28, 2009.

Project **A5 “Nationising the Dynasty”** turns its project title into a workshop on November 27 from 9 am to 6 pm and on November 28 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Venue is the Karl Jaspers Centre.

Junior Research Group **A6 “Cultures of Disaster”** has organised a conference entitled **“Learning from Disaster from Antiquity to Early Modern Times: Knowledge and Experience, Flow and Blockage”** taking place at the Karl Jaspers Centre from December 3 to 5.

Research Project **B17 “Nation State & Beyond”** has organised a workshop on **“The Nation State and Beyond: Governing Globalization Processes in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century”** taking place at the Karl Jaspers Centre, from December 3 to 5.
“The Magic of Yoga: Conceptualizing Body and Self in Transcultural Perspective” is the topic of a workshop organised by Project C3 “Mind and Body”. The workshop takes place at the Karl Jaspers Centre on December 11, 2 to 6 pm, and December 12, 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Research Project A7 “Ottoman Empire” has organised, together with the history programme at Sabancı University in Istanbul, a graduate workshop on ”The Well-Connected Domains: Ottoman History in a Transcultural Perspective”, taking place at Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Emirgan/Istanbul, December 19-20, 2009.

Workshop Series

The fourth and last workshop of the series "Rethinking Gender, Sexuality and the Body in a Transcultural Art World" focuses on “Gender and Body in the Contemporary Arts” and takes place at the Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg from December 15 to 17. The series is organized by Project B8 “Rethinking Gender”.

Other events

Project B8 “Rethinking Gender” has prepared a Parcours Exhibition in downtown Heidelberg and Mannheim entitled “Becoming Intense – Becoming Animal – Becoming …”. The official opening of the Parcours Exhibition will take place on December 15, while one part, the exhibition "Adel Abdessemed", can already be visited at Heidelberger Kunstverein starting November 27, 7 pm. Please refer to the project homepage for further details.

Events recaptured …

June 3 to 4: Graduate students from Research Project A7 “Ottoman Empire” have taken part in the Graduate Conference "The Mediterranean as a Theatre of Cultural Flows" organised by the Skilliter Centre for Ottoman Studies, Newnham College, University of Cambridge. They presented their research projects and gave a general introduction to the Cluster’s work. Read more on the A7 homepage…
June 8 to 16: Research Project B10 “Harbin“ has held an International Summer School (June 9 - 13) and the International Conference “Global Challenge and Regional Response” (June 17 - 20) in Harbin in cooperation with the School of Western Studies at Heilongjiang University in Harbin, and the German Historical Institute, Washington DC. These two scientific meetings focused on the social, cultural, economic and political encounters of North-Eastern China with the world.

Read more… (in German)

Photo: Participants of the International Conference at Heilongjiang University, Harbin.

June 24 to July 8: Prof. Sandeep Bhagwati, award-winning composer in all genres, theatre director and Canada Research Chair in Inter-X Art Practice and Theory at the Department of Theatre/Department of Music, Concordia University Montreal has held a series of lectures and workshops on “Inter-Traditional/Inter-Cultural Composition – Creative Dissonances and Illusionary Dissonances”, organized by Research Project B2 “Creative Dissonances”. Prof. Bhagwati has also been Composer-in-Residence in Heidelberg at the invitation of the Cluster "Asia and Europe" from June to July. Here he tried to formulate approaches to an aesthetic theory of inter-cultural composition and worked on the first sketches of a new composition based on these theories, a work which will be performed in Heidelberg in 2010 or 2011. More information …

June 25 to June 28: Joachim Kurtz, the newly appointed Cluster professor for intellectual history, and Rudolf Wagner took part in the opening conference of the Society for Cultural Interaction in East Asia in Osaka. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Cluster and the Institute for Cultural Interaction Studies at Kansai University. This Institute was successful in the Japanese counterpart to the excellence competition. R. Wagner gave a talk to the Institute on “The Image of the Political Leader.”

July 13 to 16: Sixteen students from all over the world and from the Cluster have taken part in this year’s Summer School “Objects on the move – Circulation, Social Practice and Transcultural Intersections”, conceptualised by Prof. Dr. Monica Juneja. During the course, participants and eminent representatives of various disciplines discussed the radical changes in meanings objects are often subject to when "on the move", that is given away as presents, appropriated, reused, displayed etc. Of course, there was plenty of time for the young researchers to get to know each other better, e.g. at a guided tour through the vineyards around Heidelberg. More information on the programme …
July 23 to 25: Project A6 “Cultures of Disaster” in cooperation with the Department of History and the Institut für Fränkisch-Pfälzische Geschichte und Landeskunde at Heidelberg University held an interdisciplinary conference on “(Hi-)Stories of Crises”. The conference intended to extend the scholarly examination of the concept of crisis epochally to the contemporary history and disciplinarily to the discourses of economics and psychology which have been so far little received.

September 21 to 22: Research Area D “Historicities and Heritage” had organised a conference on “Conceptualizing Cultural Hybridization: A Transdisciplinary Approach” involving scholars from a variety of disciplines such as linguistic and literary studies, cultural anthropology, archaeology and art history in order to discuss different conceptualizations of hybridization as a historic and transcultural phenomenon.

September 23: A delegation from National University of Singapore (NUS) that included Vice Provost Prof. Lai and Prof. Prasenjit Duara paid a visit to the Cluster. In its endeavor to establish NUS as a hub for the study of Inter-Asian Studies with an interdisciplinary approach, the university initiated Humanities and Social Sciences Study Trips to some US and European universities with relevant experience. The discussions with representatives of the Cluster centered on strategies and methodologies for a sustainable approach. Many common interests were identified and will build a basis for future cooperation.

Photo: Front, left to right: Prof. Prasenjit Duara (Director of Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, NUS), Prof. Andrew Simester (Faculty of Law, NUS), Prof. Choy Heng Lai, (Vice-Provost (Academic Personnel), NUS) and Prof. Brenda YEOH (Vice-Dean (Research), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS). Back, left to right: Prof. Dr. Axel Michaels (Co-Director of the Cluster “Asia and Europe”), Prof. Dr. Madeleine Herren-Oesch (Co-Director of the Cluster “Asia and Europe”), Prof. Dr. Rudolf Wagner (Co-Director of the Cluster “Asia and Europe”), Ms Chin Chin ONG (Associate Director, Office of the Provost’s Office, NUS).

October 7 to 9: This year’s Annual Conference “Flows of Images and Media”, organised by Cluster Professor for Visual and Media Anthropology Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius and Leader of Junior Research Group B9 “Information Flows”, Dr. Roland Wenzlhuemer, has brought together researchers from all over the world. During three days, they discussed different aspects of Transculturality. The opening lecture on “Pandemonium Asia: Shifts and Surges in the Flow of Images, Media and Info-Data” was held by Sarat Maharaj (Lund/Malmo). Nicholas Mirzoeff (New York) talked about “The Flow and The Flood: Mediation, Migration, Circulation and Climate Change” at another public evening event.

October 15 to 19: Lecture series with Prof. Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom on "China Beat – Mega-Events and Recent Trends in Transcultural China" organised by Research Project B12 "Rethinking Trends".

October 19 to 23: Lecture and seminar series with Gregory P. Levine (Berkeley) on “The Dilemma of Buddhist Images: Thoughts on Material, Site, and Reception” organised by Research Project B8 “Rethinking Gender”.

October 23 to 25, 2009: Cluster members Frank Grüner and Susanne Hohler co-organised (together with scholars from Berlin, Jena and Heidelberg universities) a conference on "Rethinking the Russian Revolution of 1905” dedicated to Heinz-Dietrich Löwe (Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Heidelberg University).

October 26 to 28, 2009: Research Project A9 "Cultural Transfer as a Factor of State Building" had organised a conference on "Early Modern State (Building) in Asia and Europe - Comparison, Transfer and Entanglement" in cooperation with Research Project A4 "The Fascination of Efficiency".

November 3, 2009: At the invitation of Research Project B1 “Satire” and the Cluster professorship “Intellectual History” (Joachim Kurtz), Sudipta Kaviraj (New York) held a workshop on “Colonial Satire and Resistance in South Asia”.

November 13 to 15, 2009: Workshop on ”The British Punch Magazine as a Transcultural Format of Satire and Caricature” organised by Research Project B1 “Satire”.

November 17, 2009: Shirley Abraham and Amit Madhesiya (both India), short-term scholarship holders of the Graduate Programme for Transcultural Studies held a presentation: "Tiled gods appear on Mumbai's streets: Negotiating through the strictly delineated spaces of the megacity, exploring their transformation into curious zones of urban propriety"

People
News

For the second time the Graduate Programme for Transcultural Studies of the Cluster “Asia and Europe in a Global Context” has granted Ph.D. scholarships to young postgraduate researchers from Asia and Europe. Sixteen students from nine countries have been chosen out of 164 applicants. They have started their Ph.D. studies in Heidelberg this fall. For more information and a list of the research projects, please see...
With effect of October 1, Dr. Martin Gieselmann, former Graduate Programme Manager at the Cluster “Asia and Europe”, has taken up a new position as Executive Secretary of the South Asia Institute at Heidelberg University. He follows Manfred Hake who retired this autumn.

Oliver Lamers succeeds Martin Gieselmann as Graduate Programme Manager at the Cluster beginning October 1. He holds an M.A. in South Asian Area Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London. His main research interests comprise ritual the theory of Pūrvamīmāṃsā, Indian Philosophy as well as Kaavya

Dr. Claudia Glatz, Postdoctoral Researcher in Research Project D2 "Materiality and Practice" was appointed to the position of a Lecturer in Mediterranean Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology of the University of Glasgow. She will take up the position as of January 1, 2010.

Dr. Andrea Hacker joined the Cluster as Editorial Assistant on October 1. She has worked as editor and lecturer at various universities, e.g. UCSD, UCSB and Trinity College Dublin. Andrea Hacker will primarily manage the Cluster’s book-series, coordinate the editing process of Cluster publication projects, and help maintain the Cluster's e-journal.

During winter term 2009/ 2010, PD Dr. Friedhelm Hoffmann (member of Research Project C1 “Medical Systems”) will be Visiting Professor for History of Science at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main, replacing Prof. Dr. Annette Warner. He is therefore given leave by the Cluster “Asia and Europe” from October 12, 2009 to February 14, 2010. He is replaced by Dr. Ivan Guermeur who will bring forward the edition of an Egyptian gynecologic papyrus.

Dr. Martin Hofmann has joined the chair of Intellectual History (Prof. Dr. Joachim Kurtz) as Research Fellow. He is also coordinator, together with Prof. Kurtz of the newly founded research project D15 “Making powerful arguments”.

Franziska Koch has joined the chair of Global Art History. She is Research Fellow at the Cluster Professorship Global Art History and coordinator, together with Prof. Dr. Monica Juneja, of research project D13 “Multi-Centred Modernisms”.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Maissen has been granted a Research Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. During his sabbatical from January to August 2010, he will primarily conduct research on “The Virgin and Her State: Representing the Body Politic through Metaphors of Marital Status”.
David Mervart, Ph.D. (Tokyo) has joined the chair of Cultural Economic History (Prof. Harald Fuess, Ph.D. (Harvard) as Assistant Professor for Japanese History.

Dr. Gerrit Jasper Schenk, leader of Junior Research Group A6 "Cultures of Disaster", accepted the offer to become Professor for Medieval History at TU Darmstadt. He has taken up his new assignment on October 1, 2009, but continues his Cluster research project on "Cultures of Disaster".

Dr. Dominic Steavu will join the chair of Intellectual History (Prof. Kurtz) as Research Fellow by December 1. He is also member of Research Project C11 “Medicine and Religion”.

Awards and Honours

Somnath Batabyal, Ph.D. (London), Postdoctoral Researcher in Project D10 "Environmental Activism" has recently been appointed a Fellow at the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, at Central University in Delhi.

Prof. Dr. ing. Niels Gutschow, honorary professor at Heidelberg University and member of the Cluster "Asia and Europe", has recently been bestowed the "DAI Literaturpreis", a literary prize awarded by the Federation of German Architects and Engineers Associations ("Verband Deutscher Architekten- und Ingenieurvereine e.V." / "DAI"). Read more...

Annette Hoffmann, member of Research Project D3 “Images of Alterity” has recently been awarded the August-Grisebach-Preis by the Institute for European Art History (IEK) at Heidelberg University for her outstanding dissertation "Die Bibel von Gerona und ihr Meister" (The Gerona Bible and its Master). Read more...

Prof. Dr. Markus Hilgert, Professor of Assyriology/ Sumerology at Heidelberg University and Speaker of Research Area D "Historicities and Heritage" of the Cluster "Asia and Europe" has been elected new chairman of the German Oriental Society (Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft) during the society's general meeting in Berlin.
Huang Xuelei, Ph.D. student at the Institute of Chinese Studies at Heidelberg University and member of Research Project B12 “Rethinking Trends” of the Cluster “Asia and Europe” has been awarded a postdoctoral scholarship at Academia Sinica in Taiwan. Read more...

Prof. Dr. Axel Michaels, Professor of Classical Indology at Heidelberg University and Co-Director of the Cluster "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" has been appointed to the Joint Advisory Committee of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India.

Dr. Laurent Pordié, Coordinator of Research Project C4 "Making India a Global Healthcare Destination", has recently been awarded the Colleague Choice Award of the ICAS Book Prize bestowed biannually by the International Convention of Asian Scholars, Leiden. Read more...

Prof. Dr. Joachim Friedrich Quack, Director of the Institute of Egyptology at Heidelberg University and coordinator of the Cluster’s Research Projects C1 “Medical Systems” and D7 “Religious Flows”, has been elected full member of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Moreover, he has been elected advisory board member of the project “Altägyptisches Wörterbuch” of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Susan Richter, Leader of Junior Research Group A4 “Bureaucracies” has been awarded the Eberhard-von-Kuenßberg-Förderpreis für Rechtsgeschichte for her outstanding dissertation “Fürstentestamente in der Frühen Neuzeit“ (Early Modern Principality Testaments). It will be bestowed in February 2010.

Public Relations

Press Clippings

TIME Magazine (June 22) published an article on Indian art collections made public mentioning Tasveer Ghar, a digital network of South Asian popular visual culture, partially founded by the Cluster "Asia and Europe".

The radio station HoRadS (HochschulRadio Stuttgart) (June 26) featured an interview with Dr. Frank Grüner, leader of Junior Research Group B10 “Harbin” on the occasion of the Harbin Conferences, co-organized by the Cluster "Asia and Europe".
Consumer Magazine Ökotest published in its July issue an interview on the authenticity of Ayurveda practiced in Germany with **Ananda Samir Chopra**, member of Research Project C3 “Mind and Body”.

Daily Newspaper Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung reported on a lecture on trend research given by renowned sociologist **Prof. Dr. Holger Rust** at the invitation of Research Project B12 “Rethinking Trends”. The same newspaper also introduced the new scholarship holders of the Graduate Programme for Transcultural Studies (July 28).

Cluster member **Deepali Gaur Singh** published an article on women in the Afghan election in Deccan Herald online (August 17) and another article on the same election on October 29 in the same newspaper.

Heidelberg University magazine UniSpiegel and the daily Newspaper Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung (August 28) published portraits of Cluster Professor of Global Art History **Prof. Dr. Monica Juneja**.

Weekly newspaper Allgemeine Bauzeitung (August 28) reported on a conference on urban development and a tower building project in Bhaktapur (Nepal) co-organised by the Cluster "Asia and Europe".

The radioeins rbb science show “Die Profis” (October 17) featured an interview with **Dr. Gerrit Jasper Schenk**, leader of Junior Research Group A6 “Cultures of Disaster” on his latest book “Katastrophen. Vom Untergang Pompejis bis zum Klimawandel”.

Campus TV aired a report on the main topic of the Cluster’s Annual Conference (October 29) “Flows of Images and Media” including an interview with Cluster **Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius**.

Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung (October 30) reported on the Exhibition-cum-Concert-and-Lecture Series "Creative Couples - Transcultural Media" organized by the Cluster’s research project B2 "Creative Dissonances".

Daily newspaper Mannheimer Morgen (November 17) published an article on the newly founded Heidelberg Center South Asia in New Delhi, India which serves at the same time as the Cluster’s branch office.

**Interested in more details?** You can access all articles and broadcasts in the press area of our Cluster homepage.
Further Activities

New Cluster website online! After months of hard work, we are happy to present our research and the people conducting it on a more user-friendly website with enhanced functionalities in a new, attractive layout. Please visit us at www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de. We are looking forward to your comments and suggestions.

Prof. Dr. Harald Fuess, Cluster Professor of Cultural Economic History held a lecture on "Mobility in Science: International Cooperation as Key Element of Visionary Research" during this year's Asia Pacific Weeks in Berlin representing the Cluster "Asia and Europe". In his talk, he introduced the Cluster's research endeavour focusing on international and interdisciplinary cooperation.

The Cluster launched a new image brochure introducing core aims and research endeavours. If you would like to receive a copy, please send us an email.

Invitations of Cluster members

Matthias Arnold, Konrad Berner, Peter Gietz, Dr. Kilian Schultes, Dr. Roland Wenzelhuemer (Heidelberg Research Architecture, Project „GeoTwain“):

- November 16-18, 2009: talk on “GIS and Cultural Flows” at “SCCH09 -- Scientific Computing & Cultural Heritage” conference, Heidelberg, organised by the Heidelberg Graduate School of Mathematical and Computational Methods for the Sciences

Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius, Professor of Visual and Media Anthropology:


Dr. Des. Anja Eisenbeiß, Coordinator of Project D3 “Images of Alterity”:

- September 11 and 12, 2009: Chair at a panel on “East-West Encounters and Dialogue” at the conference "East and West: Cross-Cultural Encounters" at the University of St. Andrews (Scotland) and participation at a roundtable talk on "Art and Cultural Identity in the Age of Globalisation" at the same conference.

Dr. Michael Falser, member of the Global Art History team and coordinator of Research Project D12 “Heritage as a Transcultural Concept”


Dr. Antje Flüchter, Leader of Junior Research Group A9 “Cultural Transfer”

- September 25, 2009: “Mission als Grenzüberschreitung: katholische Missionare in Indien” at the conference „Grenzen und Grenzüberschreitung“ (Aachen, September 24-26), organised by the Association of Early Modern History

Prof. Dr. Harald Fuess, Cluster Professor of Cultural Economic History:

- November 3, 2009: "Why Erasmus Mundus may Matter for Japan?" Japanese presentation at the Erasmus Mundus Conference, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan

Dr. Martin Hofmann, Postdoctoral Researcher with the chair of Intellectual History (Prof. Kurtz) and co-coordinator of Project D15 “Making Powerful Arguments”:

- December 12-13: lecture at the conference "Visual Representations in Pre-Modern and Non-Western Science and Technology: When Traditions Meet", held at National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Prof. Dr. Monica Juneja, Cluster Professor of Global Art History

- October 22-25, 2009: Monica Juneja represented the Cluster as well as her professorship at the international conference "Global Asias" at Penn State University, USA speaking on: "Eurasian Contact Zones and Global Art History”.
- November 13, 2009: “Transculturation and the challenge to make art history global – travelling eastwards from Florenz und Bagdad” at the international conference
“Horizonte – 'Grundbegriffe' einer globalen Kunst- und Bildwissenschaft”, Institute for Art History at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich.

- December 10, 2009: Beyond likeness – self-portraits and shifting concepts of the artist between Europe and Asia during the transition to modernity - invited lecture at Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Wassenaar
- December 17-19, 2009: Last Supper in Red: Biblical themes, icon and affect in North Indian visual culture – a longue durée approach - paper at Conference “Cultural Dialogues”, CNRS Paris

Franziska Koch, member of the “Global Art History” research team:


Prof. Dr. Axel Michaels, Co-Director of the Cluster “Asia and Europe”:


Prof. Subrata K. Mitra, Ph.D. (Rochester), Speaker of Research Area A "Governance and Administration" and coordinator of project A1 “Citizenship”:

- September 4, 2009: talk on “Citizenship as Conceptual Flow”, at the University of Utkal, Orissa, India (at the invitation of Professor Prasanna Nayak (Anthropology))
- November 18, 2009: “Measuring Citizenship. Preliminary Results from a national Survey, India 2009” at the National Centre for Islamic Studies, New Delhi (At the invitation of the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi and the Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Dr. Laurent Pordié, Coordinator of Research Project C4 “Makin India a Global Healthcare Destination”

- September 16-17, 2009: "The Transnational Enclaves of Medical Tourism", keynote speech at the International Colloquium "Health and Mobility: Actors Circulation and the Evolution of Practice" of the “French Society for Medical Anthropology Applied to Development and Health” (Anthropologie Médicale Appliquée au Développement et à la Santé, AMADES) taking place on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of AMADES in Toulouse, France,
Prof. Dr. Joachim Friedrich Quack, coordinator of Research Projects C1 “Medical Systems” and D7 “Oriental Cults”:

- September 14, 2009: “On the regionalisation of Roman period Egyptian hands”, Workshop „Beyond Free Variation: Scribal Repertoires in Egypt from the Old Kingdom to the Early Islamic Period”, Oxford
- October 26, 2009: “How to Become a Scholar in Ancient Egypt (and what it implies)”, London, SOAS
- October 27, 2009: “How to Become a Scholar in Ancient Egypt (and what it implies)”, Liverpool

Dr. Philipp Stockhammer, postdoctoral researcher in project D2 “Materiality and Practice”


Prof. Dr. Melanie Trede, Deputy Speaker, Research Area B "Public Spheres”:


Peter Trummer, M.A., M.A., Ph. D. Candidate, Project A4 "The Fascination of Efficiency"

- July 13, 2009: “Clausewitz, the Character of War in Afghanistan and Approaches to Counter Insurgency” at the International Conference at Queen’s University, Centre for International Relations (Canada). This was the international conference proceeding a crisis management simulation (July 14 to July 17) on the current situation in Afghanistan “Stabilizing Afghanistan” conducted by Peter Trummer and Prof. Peter Schmidt.

Dr. Li Yu, Visiting Research Fellow with the chair of Intellectual History

- November 20, 2009: “Where is Culture: A Critical Look at Today’s Chinese Language Textbooks”, 2009 Annual Convention and World Languages Expo (ACTFL)/CLTA (Chinese Language Teachers Association) Annual Conference, held in San Diego, CA
New Publications

Monographs


Müller, Stephan / Saurma-Jeltsch, Lieselotte E. / Strohschneider, Peter: Codex und Raum, Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden 2009.


Schenk, Gerrit Jasper (ed.): Katastrophen - Vom Untergang Pompejis bis zum Klimawandel, Jan Thorbecke Verlag, Ostfildern 2009.


Articles

Falser, Michael:

- „Peripherie als Zentrum. Denkmalkunde und Kunstgeschichte in peripheren Kulturlandschaften am Beispiel des U.S.-mexikanischen Grenzraums und der Chicano mural art“. In: kunsttexte 02/2009 (available online here...) (15 pages))

Grüner, Frank: "Grenzüberschreitungen und transkulturelle Prozesse im städtischen Raum. Der Fall der mandschurischen Stadt Harbin, 1898–1949" in Jahrbuch der historischen Forschung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Berichtsjahr 2008, edited by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft historischer Forschungseinrichtungen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Munich, Oldenbourg 2009, pages 91-101

Hoffmann, Friedhelm:
• Articles "Nil" (1800 words), "Phönix" (1400 words), "Töpferorakel" (600 words) and "Uräus" (800 words) in: Das wissenschaftliche Bibellexikon im Internet (WiBiLex), 2009 (available online at http://www.wibilex.de)

Juneja, Monica:
• “Translating the Body into Image. The Body Politic and Visual Practice at the Mughal Court during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries”, in: Axel Michaels and Christoph Wulf (eds), The Body in India – Ritual, Transgression and Perfomativity, Berlin 2009.

Quack, Joachim Friedrich:

Wenzlhuemer, Roland: "Asymmetries in Cultural Information Flows: Europe and South Asia in the Global Information Network since the Nineteenth Century" in Jahrbuch der historischen Forschung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Berichtsjahr 2008, edited by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft historischer Forschungseinrichtungen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Munich, Oldenbourg 2009, pages 73-80

Miscellaneous
The joint representative office of the Cluster “Asia and Europe” and the South Asia Institute in New Delhi, India, has been revalued as a branch office of Heidelberg University. The new Heidelberg University Center South Asia has officially been opened on November 17.
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The Cluster “Asia and Europe” now provides open access to two important on-line resources for Chinese Studies, the Thesaurus Linguae Sericae (TLS) and Modern Chinese Scientific Terminologies (MCST) and three related databases. For more information, please see…

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