

# Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since 1800

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE GHI WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2022

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### Day 1, Thursday, September 8

4:00 pm Arrival and registration

4:30 - 5:15 pm Opening remarks by SIMONE LÄSSIG (Director of the GHI Washington) and ROLAND WENZLHUEMER (Director of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg Global Dis:Connect, Munich)

Introduction by ANDREAS GREINER, CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ and MARIO PETERS

5:15 - 7:00 pm Panel 1: Making Space, Materializing Inequality  
Chair: SIMONE LÄSSIG (GHI Washington)

- DAVID PRETEL (Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona): 'Alley of Death': Infrastructure and War in the Maya Forest
- ADESOJI ADEDIPE (University of KwaZulu Natal Durban): Infrastructure of Mobility and Alterity in Africa: Urban Motor Public Transport in Durban and Lagos in Comparative Perspective
- CRISTIANA STRAVA (Leiden University): "A Morocco in two-speeds": Infrastructural Genealogies and Affective Temporalities along Africa's first High-Speed Rail

Discussant: ROLAND WENZLHUEMER (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich)

7:30 pm Conference dinner

### Day 2, Friday, September 9

9:30 - 11:15 am Panel 2: Oceanic Dis/Connections  
Chair: CLAUDIA ROESCH (GHI Washington)

- CHARLES FAWELL (University of Chicago): Fighting over the Floating City: Empire, Urbanity, and Exclusion on European Ocean Liners "East of Suez" (1870s-1920s)
- PAUL BLICKLE (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich): A Tale of Two Monopolies: Ballasting Infrastructure, Private Enterprise, and the State in the Ports of Hamburg and Brake in the 19th Century

- LARS KURY (University of Basel): The Malacca Straits. Excluded and Included Spaces in the Emergence of a Global Transit Corridor, c. 1850-1900

Discussant: HEIDI TWOREK (University of British Columbia Vancouver)

11:15 - 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am - 1:15 pm Panel 3: Transit Gateways as Border Spaces  
Chair: CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ (GHI Washington)

- MARIA ADAMOPOULOU (European University Institute): Waiting for the Wrong Train: The Train Station as a Topos for the Greek Gastarbeiter in West Germany (1960-1989)
- KHANYILE MLOTSHWA (University of KwaZulu Natal Pietermaritzburg): The Desirables and the Undesirables: Interrogating the History of Border Politics at O.R. Tambo International Airport and Beitbridge Border Post, South Africa
- MEGAN MARUSCHKE (University of Duisburg-Essen/Leipzig University): Philadelphia as a Border Town: Mobility Infrastructure in the Age of Revolution

Discussant: ANKE ORTLEPP (University of Cologne)

1:15 - 2:15 pm Lunch break

2:15 - 4:00 pm Panel 4: The Power of Infrastructure: Dreams and Realities  
Chair: Andreas Greiner (GHI Washington)

- ANDREW DENNING (University of Kansas): The Colonial Road as Socio-Ecological Project in Interwar French West Africa
- DESIREE VALADARES (University of British Columbia Vancouver): Staging the Scenic: Colonial and Carceral Proximities on British Columbia's Highways
- MARTIN KALB (Bridgewater College): Environing Empire: Nature, Infrastructure, and the Making of Southwest Africa

Discussant: JENNIFER HART (Wayne State University)

6:00 - 8:00 pm Film event  
Presentation by MIA BAY (University of Pennsylvania), author of the book "Traveling Black. A Story of Race and Resistance," and film screening: "Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America" at the Goethe-Institut Washington DC

Moderation: ANDREAS GREINER, CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ and MARIO PETERS (all GHI Washington)

8:00 pm Reception at the Goethe-Institut

### Day 3, Saturday, September 10

- 9:30 - 11:15 am      Panel 5: Contested Politics of Mobility  
Chair: MARIO PETERS (GHI Washington)
- AVISHEK RAY (National Institute of Technology Silchar): Walking as Dissent: City-Making and the Politics of Mobility
  - AGNES GEHBALD (University of Bern): No Way Back Home: Preventing Trans-Atlantic Return Migration around 1900
  - BARBARA LÜTHI (University of Leipzig)/WILLIAM WALTERS (Carleton University): Opening the Blackbox of Deportation: The Case of Switzerland's "Action Black Autumn"
- Discussant: PETER NORTON (University of Virginia)
- 11:15 - 11:30 am      Coffee break
- 11:30 am - 1:15 pm      Panel 6: Access from Below: Exclusion, Appropriation, Subversion  
Chair: JANA KECK (GHI Washington)
- OLUSEGUN STEPHEN TITUS (Obafemi Awolowo University): Sounding the Exclusion and Mobility Spaces in Lagos City, Nigeria 1800-2019
  - PETER SOPPELSA (University of Oklahoma): Mobility, Protest, and Paris's "Barbarian Tramways"
  - FRIEDRICH AMMERMANN (European University Institute): Access and Power on the Cape to Cairo Railway, 1900-1965
- Discussant: APARAJITA MUKHOPADHYAY (University of Kent)
- 1:15 - 2:15 pm      Lunch break
- 2:15 – 4:00 pm      Concluding round table discussion  
HEIDI TWOREK (University of British Columbia Vancouver); ANKE ORTLEPP (University of Cologne); Peter Norton (University of Virginia); APARAJITA MUKHOPADHYAY (University of Kent); JENNIFER HART (Wayne State University)
- Moderation: ROLAND WENZLHUEMER (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

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