In/tangible connections:
material, embodied and sensory stories of global dis:connection

Käte Hamburger Research Centre global dis:connect

Munich, 18-19 June 2026

Conveners: Kate Stevens, Erika Zerwes

Thursday, 18 June

9:15	**Registration** (venue: Maria-Theresia-Straße 21, 81675 Munich)
9:30-11:00	***Whakawhanaungatanga*** Welcome and round of introduction
11:00-11.30	**Morning tea**
11:30-12:30	**Session 1** ***Material dis:connect in colonial archives***

Chair : Toby Yuen-Gen Liang

Myra Mentari Abubakar *Archival frictions: the material and embodied disconnections of Cut Nyak Din*

Luisa Marten *(Re-)making connections through the archive: Markus Mailopu and the second Freiburg Moluccan expedition*

12:30-13:30	**Lunch (on-site)**
13:30-15:00	**Session 2** ***Taste from tangible to digital worlds***

Chair: Erika Zerwes

L. Sasha Gora *A fish without a head*

Aayushi Chatterjee and Dishari Chattaraj *Digital disconnections and ritual ecologies of food: reconfigured community knowledge among Santal youth in Purulia*

Kate Stevens *Liquid histories and solidifying stories through coconut oil*

15:00-15:30	**Afternoon tea**
15:30-17:00	***Chair: Kate Stevens***
	"Smell talk" and "smell walk" with ***Kate McLean***
17:30	**Dinner** at Biergarten am Muffatwerk, Zellstraße 4, 81667 Munich

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Friday, 19 June

9:00-9:30 **Alternative presentation**

Chair: Kate Stevens

Camila Villegas Re-vuelta corporal*: the body as sensory archive of political dis:connection*

9:30-10:30 **Session 3** ***Visual and built worlds***

Chair: Kate Stevens

Molly M. Brandt *Sensing the unseen: Pfizer, Expo 58 and the possibility of a counter-antibiotic era*

Erika Zerwes *In/tangible scars. Visual representations of Brazilian social minorities in the context of 1970s Latin America*

10:30-11:00 **Morning tea**

11:00-12:30 **Session 4** ***In/tangible migration stories***

Chair: Clemens Finkelstein

Ekaterina Aygün *Fragmented object biographies: commission shops and the dis:connection of 'Russian' émigré belongings in Istanbul*

Felicia Cucuta *Embodied stories of global dis:connection: care, blue poetics and sensory storytelling in diasporic Korean-Canadian performance*

Oliver Keller *Railroad braceros. Dis:connected maintainers of material connections*

12:30-13:30 **Lunch Break (on-site)**

13:30-14:30 **Session 5** ***Making sense of worlds through water***

Chair: Erika Zerwes

Antigoni Memou *Intangible traces of border violence: Forensic Oceanography's image co-creation, militant research and 'counter-forensics'*

Hira Rasool *Remembering Nila: ways of thinking, knowing and being with land and water*

14:30-14:45 **Short refreshment break**

14:45-15:15 **Closing discussion**

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