Conference Goals

The conference investigates the interconnection of the nation-state and globalization, both historically and in the present. From the 1970s, belief in the obsolescence of the nation-state and nationalism became prominent across the political and disciplinary spectrum, from international relations to history, reflecting economic shifts in the West. Yet today the retreat from multilateralism and cooperation seem to pose a growing challenge.

Drawing on area studies’ traditional strengths, evident in its multiregional and multidisciplinary perspectives, the conference thus asks: How did the nation-state come to be seen as passé across many disciplines and regions? What political, economic, social and cultural consequences has teleological faith the nation-state’s obsolescence had? How has the nation-state been a crucial element of globalization rather than its antithesis? How are the global and transnational entangled in the current national resurgence? And how have the national, subnational and local proven both resilient in the face of globalization and also co-constitutive of the global world?

Conference Program

Thursday, 2 May 2019

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)
Room 319, Altes Finanzamt, Landshuter Str. 4, Regensburg

18:00-20:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE

* Nation-States and Modern Globalization

Prof. Dr. Matthias Middell (University of Leipzig)

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Friday, 3 May 2019
Großer Sitzungssaal, Room PT 3.0.79, Universitätsstr. 31, Regensburg

09:00-10:45
Session 1: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ORDER IN CRISIS:
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE VS. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY?

Back to the Future: From Positive to Zero Sum Thinking about the World
Dr. Jackson Janes (American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC)

Seeking Strategic Autonomy: How Europe can cope with transatlantic fragmentations
Prof. Dr. Stefan Fröhlich (FAU, Erlangen-Nürnberg)

‘Is International Law International?’ Reflections on the Politics of International Law in the Post-Soviet Space
Dr. Cindy Wittke (IOS - Leibniz Institute of East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

Chaired by Dr. Gerlinde Groitl (University of Regensburg)

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:45
Session 2: PANEL

THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN CRISIS:
ANTI-GLOBALISM IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD?

The Costs and Benefits of Globalization: A decade of experience and unchartered waters ahead
Prof. Dr. András Inotai (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

On the Motives for and Rationality of Anti-globalist Policies
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Jerger (University of Regensburg)

Three Ingredients for Anti-Globalism in the United States:
Hegemonic Decline, Technological Progress, Domestic Policy Failure
Prof. Dr. Welf Werner (Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg)

Chaired by: Dr. Olga Popova
(IOS – Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

LUNCH – UNIKAT, UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY: GLOBAL STRUCTURES, NATIONAL DISCOURSES?

One size does not fit all: Why decolonising and de-Westernising news journalism could lead towards more equality in global information flows  
Dr. Antje Glück (Teesside University)

The Global Needs the Local: Digital Infrastructures and National Resources  
Prof. Dr. Christiane Heibach (University of Regensburg)

The Cosmopolitan Dilemma: Media, Migration, and National Memory  
Prof. Dr. Wulf Kansteiner (Aarhus University)

Chaired by: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Dotzler (University of Regensburg)

COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:30  
TURBO TALKS  
DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS’ PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Russia’s Normative Alternative? The Internalization of Norms of Civil and Political Rights and the Dynamics of Contestation  
Evgeniya Baklaova (IOS, Regensburg)

Verena Baier (University of Regensburg)

Visible Hand in the Shipyards and the Preservation of the Unprofitable  
Peter Wegenschimmel (IOS, Regensburg)

Chaired by: Dr. Paul Vickers (CITAS, University of Regensburg)

18:00-20:00  
KEYNOTE LECTURE

Prof. Dr. Johanna Bockman (George Mason University, Virginia)

DINNER – KNEITINGER KELLER  
Galgenbergstraße 18, 93053 Regensburg
Saturday, 4 May 2019

Großer Sitzungssaal, Room PT 3.0.79. Universitätsstr. 31, Regensburg

09:15-09:30
WELCOMING ADDRESS
Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel, President of the University of Regensburg and Chair of American Studies

09:30-11:15
Session 4: PANEL

REMAKING NATIONS AND REGIONS: CITIZENSHIP, BORDERS AND MIGRATION

Moving Borders, Mobile Labour, Migrant Nations
Prof. Dr. Manuela Bojadzijev (Leuphana University, Lüneburg/ Humboldt University Berlin)

Unmaking Borders: Liberal Global Orders and Freedom of Movement
Jun. Prof. Dr. Jannis Panagiotidis (University of Osnabrück)

Visualizing Protest: African (Diasporic) Art and Contemporary Mediterranean Crossings
PD Dr. Heike Raphael-Hernandez (University of Würzburg)

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer
(IOS – Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies/ University of Regensburg)

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:15
Session 5: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

BEYOND THE NATION: FROM LOCALISM TO COSMOPOLITANISM

Title tbc
Prof. Dr. Volker Depkat (University of Regensburg)

Postcommunist postcolonialism in Russia and Poland
Prof. Dr. Dirk Uffelmann (University of Passau)

Title tbc
Prof. Dr. Fernando Vallespin (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Objectively obsolete and yet rapidly resurgent: National literature in the age of Angloglobalism
Prof. Dr. Dirk Wiemann (University of Potsdam)

Chaired by: Prof. Dr. Jochen Mecke (University of Regensburg)

13:25-13:40
CONCLUDING DISCUSSION