

DAY 1 Monday, May 5th (Konviktstraße 9)

17.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Indrani Chatterjee (University of Virginia)  
“Intersecting Subjections in South Asian pasts”

Introduction: Emma Kalb (BCDSS)

18.00 RECEPTION

DAY 2 Tuesday, May 6th (Heussallee)

10.00 WELCOME  
(Claude Chevalayre and Jeannine Bischoff)

10.30 PANEL 1

Chair: Jeannine Bischoff (BCDSS)

- o Susan Thomas (Sree Sankarcharya University of Sanskrit) & Meenu Rabecca Mathai (Leiden University): “(Un)Making the Aṭima in Malabar/Kerala: Meanings, Terms, and Practices”
- o Muhamed Riyaz Chenganakkattil (Ghent University): “Relief of the Compassionate or Isa’af Al-Shafeeq: Fadl Pasha’s Defense of Slavery and Muslim Ethics of Care”
- o Lija Mary Kambakkaran Joseph (Leiden University): “‘Bound Yet Unbroken’. The Resistance and Defiance of Enslaved Women; A Study of VOC Court Records from 18th Century Cochin”

12:00 LUNCH

14.00 THEMATIC INJECTION 1

Brenda Yeoh & Theodora Lam (National University of Singapore):  
“Between Servitude and Strategic Conduct: Migrant Domestic Workers and Food Insecurity in Southeast Asia”

Introduction: Anas Ansar (Arnold Bergstraesser Institut)

15.30 PANEL 2 South Asia I Asian dependencies in premodern times

Chair: Ute Wallenböck (University of Bonn)

- o Lewis Doney (University of Bonn): “Creating Dependencies on the Way to Freedom in Tibetan Buddhism”
- o Wei Xinyi (Princeton University): “Submissive Love: Contextualizing the Faithful Slave Trope in Premodern Eurasia”
- o Zhang Zekun (University of California Davis): “Tracing Unfree People in Middle-Period China and Korea: Evidence from Household Registers”

19:00 CONFERENCE DINNER

DAY 3 Wednesday May 7th (Heussallee)

09.00 PANEL 3 North East Asia

Chair: Elena Smolarz (BCDSS)

- o Luo Chenxi (Reed College; online): “Adjudicating Slave Ownership in a Post-Migration Society: Cases from Early Qing Manchuria”
- o Angelina Kalashnikova (University of Kiel): “Dependency and Slavery in Eastern Siberia: Indigenous Practices before Russian Colonization”
- o Ute Wallenböck (University of Bonn): “Tibetan Muslims: A Neglected Minority in the Pursuit of Identity and Citizenship”

11.00 THEMATIC INJECTION 2

You Jae Lee (University of Tübingen):  
“The Betrayal of the ‘Model Minority’. Korean German’s Meritocracy and Eigensinn”

Introduction: Subin Nam (BCDSS)

12:00 LUNCH

13:30 PANEL 4 Early-modern East Asia

Chair: Christine Mae Sarito (PhD researcher, BCDSS)

- o Tam Ka-chai (Hong Kong Baptist University): “The Servant Son: The Crime of “Unrighteous” and the Pseudo-Familial Arrangement of Slavery in Early Ming China (1368-1500)”
- o Liu Yang (Oxford University, online): “From Captives to Commodities: Wokou, Imjin War, and the Portuguese Slave Trade in Early Modern Maritime East Asia”
- o Johanna S. Ransmeier (University of Chicago): “Indenture, Labor, and Mutual Family Obligation in Early 20th Century China”

15.30 ROUNDTABLE 1

Strategic planning: Asia and dependency studies. Where do ‘we’ stand, where do ‘we’ go?

Chair: Marion Gymnich (BCDSS)

- o Myriam Cottias (CNRS-CIRESC)
- o Nitin Sinha (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient)
- o Mrs Han (Korea Verband, with Imogen Herrad)

DAY 4 Thursday, May 8th (Heussallee)

09.00 PANEL 5 South Asia II

Chair: Gregory Goulding (University of Pennsylvania)

- o Emma Kalb (BCDSS): “Representing Concubinage in the Mughal World”
- o Nabhojeet Sen (BCDSS): “Slavery, corvee and convicts: Coercion and Power in Early modern Deccan, 1650s-1818”
- o Andrea Gutierrez (The University of Texas at Austin): “From Breaking an Elephant to Going Rogue: Royal Dominion over Coerced Animal Subjects”

11.00 PANEL South Asia III

Chair: Jennifer L. Gaynor (State University of New York at Buffalo)

- o Nitin Varma (Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient): “The Making of Asymmetrical Dependencies: Subaltern Lives in 19th and Twentieth century South Asia”
- o Michaela Dimmers (University of Göttingen): “Coerced Intermediation in South Asia and the Indian Ocean”
- o Kiran Kumar (Indian Institute of Technology): “Becoming Kudumbi: The Evolution and Changing Dynamics of Strong Asymmetrical Dependency in South India”

12:30 LUNCH

14.00 PANEL 7 Dispossession and Dependency from a Contemporary Asian Perspective

Chair: Anas Ansar (Arnold Bergstraesser Institut)

- o Irina Pelea (Titu Maiorescu University): “Forced Abortion or Deportation: What Is Your Choice?” A Case Study on the Exploitation of Migrant Workers in Contemporary Japan”
- o Renee L. Ford (Aarhus University): “Girl Power: Nuns’ Proclamations of Self-Empowerment at Tekcholing Nunnery, Nepal”
- o Sabeena Khatoon (University of Hyderabad): “Trapped in a Vicious Cycle: Vulnerable Survival Dependencies of Rohingya Refugees on exploitative labour”

16.00 ROUNDTABLE 2

Wrapping up: And now?

- o Jennifer L. Gaynor (State University of New York at Buffalo)
- o Ann R. David (senior guest researcher, BCDSS)
- o Subin Nam (Chair, PhD researcher, BCDSS)
- o Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Bonn University & IDOS/German Institute of Development and Sustainability)