

# THE SOCIAL LIFE OF KNOWLEDGE INFRASTRUCTURES

**MARCH 1-3, 2023**  
**ALTES FINANZAMT,**  
**ROOM 319,**  
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## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1: CONFERENCE OPENING**

### **5:15-6:00 pm WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Carmen Dextl and Dr. Christian Reiss (coordinators of the CITAS-funded research network KNOW-IN)

### **6:00-7:00 pm OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Prof. Dr. Julie Kleinman (Associate Professor of Anthropology at Fordham University, New York, USA): Channel as Method: Making Migrant Worlds through Infrastructural Interdependency

### **7:00 pm RECEPTION**

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 2:**

### **9:00-10:00 am KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Dr. Nils Güttler (Assistant Professor, History of Science, University of Vienna, Austria): Infrastructuring Knowledge: Frankfurt Airport and the Hidden History of the Environmental Sciences

### **10:00 am-noon PANEL THE WORKINGS OF INFRASTRUCTURE: THE PRODUCTION OF IM/MOBILITIES AND (NEW) SOCIAL NETWORKS**

Chair: Dr. Birgit Hebel-Bauridl

1. Dr. Sven Jaros (History, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg): Knowledge in Exile. Networks and Knowledge Production of Eastern European Scholars in Western Exile during the 19th and early 20th Century

2. Katharina Bick (History of Science, Regensburg): 15 Tons of Equipment Go from Hamburg to Crimea (1914). Astronomers on Expedition and their Access to Infrastructures of Transportation, Communication and Politics

3. Dr. Carmen Dextl (American Studies, Regensburg): Black Cabaret Culture in Interwar Paris: The Nightclub as a 'Contact Zone' and Site of Knowledge Production

### **12:00-2:00 pm Lunch break**

### **2:00-4:00 pm PANEL NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURES AS A RESOURCE: EMERGING EXPERT GROUPS AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW KNOWLEDGES**

Chair: Thalia Prokopiou, M.A

1. Prof. Dr. Luminita Gatejel (Transnational Interrelations: Germany and Eastern Europe, University of Augsburg): Turning Wetlands into 'Productive' Land: River Bank Engineering in Interwar Romania
2. Dr. Nils Bennemann (Social- and Economic History, University of Duisburg-Essen): The Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine as a Knowledge Infrastructure in the 19th Century?
3. Dr. Christian Reiss (History of Science, Regensburg): The Social Life of Hedges: A Transregional History of a Nature Culture Infrastructure and its Knowledges"

**4:00-4:30 pm** *Coffee break*

**4:30-5:30 pm** *KEYNOTE LECTURE:*

Emily Brownell Ph.D. (Lecturer in Environmental History at the University of Edinburgh, UK): "Road Building as Infrastructure for Experimentation"

**7:00 pm** *Conference dinner (t.b.a.; internal event)*

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 3:**

**9:00-10:00 am** *KEYNOTE LECTURE:*

Dr. Dominik Hünninger (Research Associate, DFG-Centre for Advanced Studies "Imaginarium of Force," University of Hamburg, Germany): Extractive Knowledge Infrastructures? Museums, Colonialism and Ecologies since the 18th Century

**10:00 am - noon** *PANEL EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND THE FORMATION OF CROSS-BORDER PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES*

Chair: Dr. Paul Vickers

1. Dr. Frederic Ponten (German Studies, Regensburg): Expert Groups of Literature? Revisiting the Problem of Sociability in Weimar Classicism
2. Dr. Ákos Bitter (Research Center for German in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Regensburg): Infrastrukturen der Kultur- und Wissens-vermittlung auf Ignaz Aurelius Feßlers Bildungsweg in der Habsburgermonarchie (1766-1784)
3. Prof. Dr. Roland Wittje (History of Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Madras): Infrastructuring India after 1947: The Post-Independence State and International Collaboration in Scientific and Technological Development

***Conference organization:***

***Carmen Dextl (American Studies) &  
Christian Reiß (History of Science)***

***Conference team:***

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