



WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

01.06.2022, 17:00 Uhr, HS-C

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Road's End: Pathways and Spaces across a Divided High Asia.



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Modernity along Tajikistan's Pamir Highway (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017) and co-editor of *Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia* (University of Hawaii Press, 2022). He is currently the principal investigator of the Swiss National Science Foundation funded research project "Quiet Aid: Service and Salvation in the Balkans-to-Bengal Complex".

There has been a wealth of anthropological studies on infrastructure in the past decade. This scholarship has developed new perspectives on statecraft, economic processes and the organization of social relationships through the prism of materiality and the built environment. In this talk, I discuss how infrastructure in the borderland of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan serves to enact change in Muslim contexts. I thereby analyse how the presence and absence of specific infrastructures, such as roads and bridges, become markers of belonging to and detachment from different ways of being Muslim. In an environment in which ruptures and erosion – from landslides to political division – are central aspects of daily life, this discussion sheds light on the interplay of remoteness, connectivity and ideas of a desirable society.

kommende Termine

08.06.2022 **Stefan Leins**

The Work of Financial Market Experts: A Cultural Approach.

15.06.2022 **Chandana Mathur**

A Strike to Remember: Ethnographic Reflections on the Conditions of Possibility for Labour Resistance in the U.S. Heartland.
