

Worlds Apart? Futures of Global History

International Conference

Do, 25 Mai, 9.30 bis 19.30 Uhr

Fr, 26 Mai, 9.30 bis 20 Uhr

Die Globalgeschichte ist in den letzten Jahren zunehmend in die Kritik geraten. Dem Fach wurde vorgeworfen, dass es nicht gelungen sei, eurozentrische Ansätze zu überwinden, eine breitere Vielfalt von Ansätzen und Methoden einzubeziehen und finanzielle und politische Hindernisse für die Forschung und den wissenschaftlichen Austausch auf globaler Ebene abzubauen.

Die zweitägige Konferenz versucht, die Ungleichgewichte und Ungleichheiten im Bereich der Globalgeschichte zu benennen, indem sie die jüngste Kritik an der Disziplin als Ausgangspunkt nimmt und in produktive Fragen umwandelt: Wie kann eine breitere Akzeptanz von Globalgeschichte erreicht werden? Wie kann das thematische und narrative Repertoire der Globalgeschichte erweitert werden? Wie können wir die politischen und ökonomischen Ungleichheiten überwinden, die das Feld der Globalgeschichte bestimmen? Welche alternativen Methoden und Ansätze könnten das Fach bereichern? Welche Themen und Konzepte sollten in Zukunft in den Vordergrund gerückt werden?

Veranstalter: Hubertus Büschel, Norman Aselmeyer und Weltmuseum Wien

Die Veranstaltung findet auf Englisch statt.

Dauer: 2 Tage (Do, 25 Mai, 9.30 – 19.30 Uhr & Fr, 26 Mai, 9.30 – 20 Uhr)

Teilnahme vor Ort: frei (für den Besuch der Ausstellungen ist ein gültiges Museumsticket erforderlich)

Anmeldung online

Treffpunkt: Weltmuseum Wien Forum

Teilnahme über Zoom: https://uni-bremen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oBkgDwNoRO-YABCMTDPbPg#/registration

Programm Tag 1

Di, 25. Mai, 9.30 bis 19.30 Uhr

9.30 Uhr

Registrierung

10–10.15 Uhr

Begrüßung & Willkommensworte

Anna Hofmann (ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius), Norman Aselmeyer (Universität Bremen), Hubertus Büschel (Universität Kassel), Jonathan Fine (Weltmuseum Wien)

10.15–11 Uhr

ERÖFFNUNGSVORTRAG

Jeremy Adelman (Princeton University)

Global History Now – Again

11–11.30 Uhr

Tee- und Kaffeepause

11.30–13 Uhr

ROUNDTABLE

Global History at the Crossroads: Where Do we Stand?

Moderation: Lucy Riall (European University Institute, Florence)

Richard Drayton (King's College London)

Nancy R. Hunt (University of Florida)
Hermann Mückler (Universität Wien)
Rila Mukherjee (University of Hyderabad)
Carmen Nava (California State University San Marcos)
Akita Shigeru (Osaka University)

13–14 Uhr
Mittagspause

14–16 Uhr

PANEL 1: Politics of Global History

Chair: Eric Burton (Universität Innsbruck)
Adrián Lerner Patrón (University of Cambridge/Freie Universität Berlin)
The Politics of Global History: The Question of Primacy
Kaveh Yazdani (University of Connecticut)
Periodizing Global History, Deprovincializing the West and Universalizing the “Rest”
Ye Liu (New School for Social Research)
To Historicize Decolonization: Bringing the “Other” Back in
Alessandro Stanziani (EHESS)
The Problem with (Euro)centrism

16–18 Uhr
Tee- und Kaffeepause

16.30 Uhr
Führung durch das Weltmuseum Wien für Redner*innen

18 –19.30 Uhr

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Sujit Sivasundaram (University of Cambridge)
The Global and the Earthy

Programm Tag 2

Freitag, 26. Mai 2023, 9.30 bis 20 Uhr

9.30–11.30 Uhr

PANEL 2: Methods and Sources of Global History

Chair: Julia Hauser (Universität Kassel)
Pol Dalmau & Jorge Luengo (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
National Histories Go Global: A Futile Endeavour?
Chao Tayiana Maina (African Digital Heritage, Nairobi)
Plurality and Purpose: Digital Methodologies for Community Based Histories
Agata Błoch (Polish Academy of Sciences) & Demival Vasques Filho (IEG Mainz)
Big Data, Natural Language Processing Methods and Sources in Global History
Fabio Santos (Freie Universität Berlin)
Global History Against the Archival Grain: Critical Fabulation as Decolonial Method

11.30–11.45 Uhr
Tee- & Kaffeepause

11.45–13.15 Uhr

PANEL 3: Systems of Knowledge

Chair: Valeska Huber (Universität Wien)

Delia González de Reufels (Universität Bremen)

Reinventing Global History? Historians of Latin America and a Controversial Field of Historic Research

Joshua Meeks (U.S. Naval War College, Newport)

Blood and Stone: Ontology, History, and the State

Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni (Universität Bayreuth)

(Re)provincializing Europe and (De)provincializing Africa: A Contribution Towards Decolonizing Global History

13.15–14.15 Uhr

Mittagspause

14.15–16.15 Uhr

PANEL 4: Narratives and Languages of Global History

Chair: Karolin Wetjen (Universität Göttingen)

Anwasha Ghosh (National Law School of India University, Bangalore)

Living in Italics: Southern Vocabulary and the Politics of Untranslatability

Nora Lafi (ZMO, Berlin)

Challenging the Global Narratives of Global History: An Exploration of Alternative Paths from the Arab World

Sisay Megersa Dirirsa (Universität Bielefeld)

The Ambivalence of Global History and the Deficit of the “Post-Colonial:” Is a Pluriversal History Possible?

Ann McGrath (The Australian National University, Canberra)

Temporalities and Historicities: What “Primitive Earth” Carried Across Hemispheres

16.15–16.30 Uhr

Tee- Kaffeepause

16.30–18.30 Uhr

PANEL 5: Topics and Concepts of Global History

Chair: Sasson Sofer (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Chelsea Schields (University of California, Irvine)

Gender, Sexuality, and Race: Intersecting Concepts in Global History

Cassandra Thiesen-Mark (Universität Bayreuth)

From Illusions of Universality Towards an Innovative, “Incomplete” Global History

Luise White (University of Florida)

Can we Change the Subject? Africa and Global History

Joël Glasman (Universität Bayreuth)

Beyond Global Citizenship: Four Forms of Impacts of Global History

18.30–20 Uhr

ROUNDTABLE & ABSCHLUSSDISKUSION

Whither Global History: Does the Field Have a Future?

Moderation: David Motadel (LSE)

Christian de Vito (Universität Bonn)

Toyin Falola (University of Austin)

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International Conference

Global history has come under increasing criticism in recent years. The field has been accused of failing to overcome Eurocentric approaches, to include a broader diversity of approaches and methods, and to address financial and political obstacles to research and scholarly exchange on a global scale.

The two-day conference attempts to address the imbalances and inequalities in the field of global history by taking the recent criticism of the field as a starting point and by transforming it into productive questions: How can a wider acceptance of global history be achieved? How can the thematic and narrative repertoire of global history be expanded? How can we overcome the political and economic inequalities that define the field of global history? What alternative methods and approaches might enrich it? Which topics and concepts should be brought to the fore in the future?

Organisers: Hubertus Büschel, Norman Aselmeyer, and Weltmuseum Wien

Duration: 2 days (Tue, 25 May, 9.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. & Fr, 26 May, 9.30 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Participation on-site: free (a valid museum ticket is required to visit the exhibitions)

Registration online

Venue: WMW Forum (Ground Floor)

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Programme Day 1

Thursday, 25 May 2023

9.30 a.m.

Registration

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Greetings & Welcome

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1–2 p.m.

Lunch Break

2–4 p.m.

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4–6 p.m.

Tea & Coffee Break

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Guided tour of the Weltmuseum Wien for speakers

6–7.30 p.m.

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