



Roads to Exclusion

Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since 1800

September 8-10, 2022
International Conference at GHI Washington

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Global Dis:connect Munich

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PROGRAM

Day 1, Thursday, September 8

- 4:00 pm Arrival and registration
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm Opening remarks by SIMONE LÄSSIG (Director of the GHI Washington) and ROLAND WENZLHUEMER (Director of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg Global Dis:Connect, Munich)
- Introduction by ANDREAS GREINER, CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ and MARIO PETERS
- 5:00 - 6:45 pm Panel 1: Oceanic Dis/Connections
Chair: SIMONE LÄSSIG (GHI Washington)
- CHARLES FAWELL (University of Chicago): Fighting over the Floating City: Empire, Urbanity, and Exclusion on European Ocean Liners “East of Suez” (1870s-1920s)
 - PAUL BLICKLE (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich): A Tale of Two Monopolies: Ballasting Infrastructure, Private Enterprise, and the State in the Ports of Hamburg and Brake in the 19th Century
 - LARS KURY (University of Basel): The Malacca Straits. Excluded and Included Spaces in the Emergence of a Global Transit Corridor, c. 1850-1900
- Discussant: ROLAND WENZLHUEMER (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
- 7:30 pm Conference dinner for panelists (Restaurant Agora at 1527 17th St NW)

Day 2, Friday, September 9

- 9:30 - 11:15 am Panel 2: Making Space, Materializing Inequality
Chair: CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ (GHI Washington)
- DAVID PRETEL (Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona): ‘Alley of Death’: Infrastructure and War in the Maya Forest
 - ADESOJI ADEDIPE (University of KwaZulu Natal Durban): Infrastructure of Mobility and Alterity in Africa: Urban Motor Public Transport in Durban and Lagos in Comparative Perspective
 - CRISTIANA STRAVA (Leiden University): “A Morocco in two-speeds”: Infrastructural Genealogies and Affective Temporalities along Africa's first High-Speed Rail
- Discussant: HEIDI TWOREK (University of British Columbia Vancouver)
- 11:15 - 11:30 am Coffee break

- 11:30 am - 1:15 pm Panel 3: Transit Gateways as Border Spaces
Chair: CLAUDIA ROESCH (GHI Washington)
- MARIA ADAMOPOULOU (European University Institute): Waiting for the Wrong Train: The Train Station as a Topos for the Greek Gastarbeiter in West Germany (1960-1989)
 - KHANYILE MLOTSHWA (University of KwaZulu Natal Pietermaritzburg): The Desirables and the Undesirables: Interrogating the History of Border Politics at O.R.Tambo International Airport and Beitbridge Border Post, South Africa
 - MEGAN MARUSCHKE (University of Duisburg-Essen/Leipzig University): Philadelphia as a Border Town: Mobility Infrastructure in the Age of Revolution
- Discussant: ANKE ORTLEPP (University of Cologne)
- 1:15 - 2:45 pm Self-organized lunch break
- 2:45 - 4:30 pm Panel 4: The Power of Infrastructure: Dreams and Realities
Chair: Andreas Greiner (GHI Washington)
- ANDREW DENNING (University of Kansas): The Colonial Road as Socio-Ecological Project in Interwar French West Africa
 - DESIREE VALADARES (University of British Columbia Vancouver): Staging the Scenic: Colonial and Carceral Proximities on British Columbia's Highways
 - MARTIN KALB (Bridgewater College): Environing Empire: Nature, Infrastructure, and the Making of Southwest Africa
- Discussant: JENNIFER HART (Wayne State University)
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm Coffee break
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm Film event and presentation: (Im)Mobile While Black. Narratives of Race & Movement in the United States
How did the emergence of new modes of transportation such as the automobile change the lives of African Americans in the United States? With new mobility came new opportunities and freedoms, but also new and continued forms of exclusion, discrimination, and violence. The ambivalent history of Black mobilities also sheds light on current issues and experiences such as racial profiling, widespread fears of traffic stops, and violent encounters with the police.
Presentation by MIA BAY (University of Pennsylvania), author of the book "Traveling Black. A Story of Race and Resistance," and film screening: "Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America" at the Goethe-Institut Washington DC
- Moderation: ANDREAS GREINER, CAROLIN LIEBISCH-GÜMÜŞ and MARIO PETERS (all GHI Washington)
- 8:00 pm Reception at the Goethe-Institut

Day 3, Saturday, September 10

9:30 - 11:15 am

Panel 5: Contested Politics of Mobility

Chair: MARIO PETERS (GHI Washington)

- AVISHEK RAY (National Institute of Technology Silchar): Walking as Dissent: City-Making and the Politics of Mobility
- AGNES GEHBALD (University of Bern): No Way Back Home: Preventing Trans-Atlantic Return Migration around 1900
- BARBARA LÜTHI (University of Leipzig)/WILLIAM WALTERS (Carleton University): Opening the Blackbox of Deportation: The Case of Switzerland's "Action Black Autumn"

Discussant: PETER NORTON (University of Virginia)

11:15 - 11:30 am

Coffee break

11:30 am - 1:15 pm

Panel 6: Access from Below: Exclusion, Appropriation, Subversion

Chair: JANA KECK (GHI Washington)

- OLUSEGUN STEPHEN TITUS (Obafemi Awolowo University): Sounding the Exclusion and Mobility Spaces in Lagos City, Nigeria 1800-2019
- PETER SOPPELSA (University of Oklahoma): Mobility, Protest, and Paris's "Barbarian Tramways"
- FRIEDRICH AMMERMANN (European University Institute): Access and Power on the Cape to Cairo Railway, 1900-1965

Discussant: APARAJITA MUKHOPADHYAY (University of Kent)

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Lunch at the GHI

2:15 – 4:00 pm

Concluding round table discussion

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