

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Pacific Russia: Transnational and Transimperial Perspectives on Modern Northeast Asia (from 18th century until the 1930s)

International Workshop at Bielefeld University, organised by Sergey Glebov (Amherst), Frank Grüner (Bielefeld), Andreas Renner (Munich) and Ivan Sablin (Heidelberg) in cooperation with the German Historical Institute (DHI) Moscow and its collaborative research project “Russia’s North Pacific”.

Date: 26-27 October 2018

Place: Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF)
Bielefeld University
Methoden 1
33615 Bielefeld
Germany

Friday, 26 October 2018

10:00 – 10:30 am:

Welcome & Introduction

Frank Grüner (Bielefeld) & Ivan Sablin (Heidelberg)

10:30 – 12:30 pm:

I. Section “The Northern Pacific as an Economic Resource and Contested Space”

Chair: *Benjamin Beuerle (Moscow, Russia)*

Discussant: *Andreas Renner (Munich, Germany)*

Kristina Küntzel-Witt (Hamburg, Germany): “The port of Ochotsk as an obstacle of the Russian expansion into the Pacific in the 18th Century”

Alexei V. Kraikovski (St. Petersburg, Russia): “Russian exploitation of Pacific natural resources and the 18th century projects of whaling development”

Robert Kindler (Berlin, Germany): “American Russia. Fur seals and the creation of a transnational economic space in the Northern Pacific, 1867-1890”

Paper presentations (3 x 20 min), comment (10 min), discussion (50 min)

12:30 – 2:00 pm: Lunch break

2:00 – 4:00 pm:

II. Section “Cross Border Trading and Transimperial Entanglements in Russia’s Asia-Pacific”

Chair: *Sören Urbansky (Washington DC, USA)*

Discussant: *Frank Grüner (Bielefeld, Germany)*

Ilya Vinkovetsky (Burnaby BC, Canada): “The Kiakhta Tea Trade as a Stabilizing Factor for the Russian-Chinese Frontier, 1732-1840s”

Niccolò Pianciola (Hong Kong, China): “Poppy Colonization: Opium Trade, Migrations, and Imperial Policies in the Manchuria/ Russian Far East Borderlands, 1908-1930”

Liao Zhang (East Lansing MI, USA): “Navigating the Amur, Claiming the Borderlands: Russian Customs Service and Border Construction in Priamurye, 1920s-1940s”

Paper presentations (3 x 20 min), comment (10 min), discussion (50 min)

4:00 – 4:30 pm: Coffee break

4:30 – 6:30 pm:

III. Section “Translocal Connections, Imperial Rivalry and National Discourses in the Asia-Pacific Region”

Chair: *Ivan Sablin (Heidelberg, Germany)*

Discussant: *Benjamin Beuerle (Moscow, Russia)*

Sören Urbansky (Washington DC, USA): “A Chinese Plague: Sinophobic discourses in Vladivostok, San Francisco and Singapore”

Roman Tsirulev (Heidelberg, Germany): “Russian Empire in the Far East: Colonialism, Identity and Nation Building in a European and Asian Empire”

Sherzod Muminov (Norwich, UK): “The Unlikely Underdog: Soviet-Japanese Rivalry in Northeast Asia, 1929-1938”

Paper presentations (3 x 20 min), comment (10 min), discussion (50 min)

6:30 – 6:45 pm:

Short presentation of the project and network “Russia’s North Pacific” established at the German Historical Institute Moscow by Benjamin Beuerle (Moscow, Russia), Sandra Dahlke (Moscow, Russia) and Andreas Renner (Munich, Germany)

8:00 pm:

Conference Dinner

(Restaurant *Numa*, Obernstraße 26, Bielefeld Altstadt)

Saturday, 27 October 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 pm:

IV. Section “Cultural Encounters and Processes of (Dis-)Entanglement in a Transimperial and – national Contact Zone”

Chair: *Helena Holzberger (Munich)*

Discussant: *Sergey Glebov (Amherst)*

Luise Fast (Bielefeld, Germany): “Meeting and Talking in the North Pacific Contact Zone. Indigenous Interpreters as Cultural Brokers in the 19th Century”

Michael J. Corsi (Columbus, Ohio, USA): “The Circle of Eternity: Narratives of Life and Death during the Plague in the Russian Far East”

Rachel Lin (Exeter, UK): “‘We Are on the Brink of Disaster’: Revolution, War and Sino-Russian Disentanglement in Blagoveshchensk–Heihe”

Ivan Sablin (Heidelberg, Germany): “Parliaments in the Revolutionary Russian Far East, 1905–1922”

10:30 – 11:00 am: Coffee break

Paper presentations (4 x 20 min), comment (10 min), discussion (50 min)

12:00 am – 1:00 pm:

Final Discussion

Sergey Glebov (Amherst) & Andreas Renner (Munich)

1:00 – 2:30 pm: Lunch