

Backstages of Globalization: New Perspectives on Infrastructure and Power in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

November 28–29, 2024  
In the Large Seminar Room (ground floor)

ZZF Potsdam  
Am Neuen Markt 9d  
14467 Potsdam

Workshop of the DFG Emmy Noether Group “Cooling the Global South” organized by Carolyn Taratko and Dept. V of the ZZF Potsdam

Thursday, November 28

14:00 | Coffee and arrival

14:30 | Introduction, Carolyn Taratko

**15:00–16:30 | Panel 1 Interwar and Late Imperial Infrastructures**

Chair: Isabella Löhr

María Jeldes Olivares (IRS Erkner), “Infrastructures of (De)Globalisation: The Construction of the National Cement Industry by German Contractors in Interwar Argentina”

Andreas Greiner (GHI Washington), “Expanding Imperial Infrastructure into Sovereign States: Persia and Siam as Opponents, Facilitators and Beneficiaries of Imperial Aviation, 1920s-1930s”

16:30–17:30 | Break

**17:30–19:00 | Keynote Lecture**

Monika Dommann (University of Zürich), “Following Material Flows and Supply Chains Through Societies: A Methodological Travelogue”

Moderation: Michael Homberg



19:30 | Workshop Dinner (for official participants)

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Friday, November 29

**8:45–10:15 | Panel 2: Financial Infrastructures**

Chair: Rüdiger Graf

Marcus Dietrich (University of Heidelberg), “Red Finance? East Germany's Experience in International Financial Markets”

Mariusz Lukaszewicz (University of Leipzig), “Rural Capitalists, 'Indigenous' Finance and Co-operative Movement in Late-colonial Nigeria, 1945-1966”

10:15–10:30 | Coffee break

**10:30–12:30 | Panel 3: Materializing Internationalist Infrastructures**

Chair: Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş

Daniel Quiroga-Villamarin (Geneva Graduate Institute and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law), “Architects of a Better World? Democracy, Law, and the Construction of the International Order (1919–1998)”

Nadja Klopprogge (University of Tübingen), “Encyclopedia Africana: A Pan-African Knowledge Infrastructure”

Dara Orenstein (George Washington University), “Waste Management: The Role of the World Trade Center in the Social Metabolism of the Global City after 1973”

12:30–13:45 | Lunch

**13:45– 15:45 | Panel 4: Infrastructures and Logistics**

Chair: Christopher Neumaier

Felix Mauch (TUM), “When Logistics Took Command: A Singapore Story 1848-1942”

Claudia Eggart (University of Manchester and ZOIS Berlin), “The Container: An Archaeology of Infrastructure at the Dordoi Bazaar in Kyrgyzstan and the 7km Market in Odesa”

Selvihan Kurt (TU Istanbul), “Burial Spaces, Public Health and Infrastructure in 20th Century Izmir”

**15:45–16:15 | Final Wrap-up Discussion**

16:15 | Departure from ZZF