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Seminarraum 220

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9:00–9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Agnes Gehbald & Matthias Ruoss (Universität Bern)

9:30–10:15 Presentation

Megan Maruschke (Universität Leipzig)

Philadelphia as an Imperial Port City (circa 1790–1810): Points of Passage or a Safety Net for the Hinterlands?

Coffee Break

10:45–12:15 Presentations

Annika Bärwald (Universität Bremen)

Transient Sojourners: People of Color Travelling through Hamburg 1760–1840

Lasse Heerten (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

English “Coolies” in Germany? Labour Conflict in the Port of Hamburg, Anglo-German Competition, and Fears of British Decline, 1906–1907

Lunch

13:30–15:30 Pre-Circulated Papers

Rea Vogt (Universität Bern)

“A Good Market for Yerba Mate”: South-South Trade Relations from Argentina to Lebanon in the late Interwar Period

Philipp Horn (Universität Bern)

The Passage of a King’s Portrait: Anti-Colonial Entanglements between the Mediterranean and West Africa, c. 1911–1915

Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Presentations

Omar Gueye (Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar | Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin)

Dakar the Rebel: Revisiting the Worldwide Social Movement

Eric Häusler (ETH Zürich)

From Port to World City: New York and Tokyo in the Long 1960s

17:30–18:15 Final Discussion

Friedrich Lenger (Justus-Liebig Universität Gießen)

Commentary

Dinner