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Location

Online via Zoom

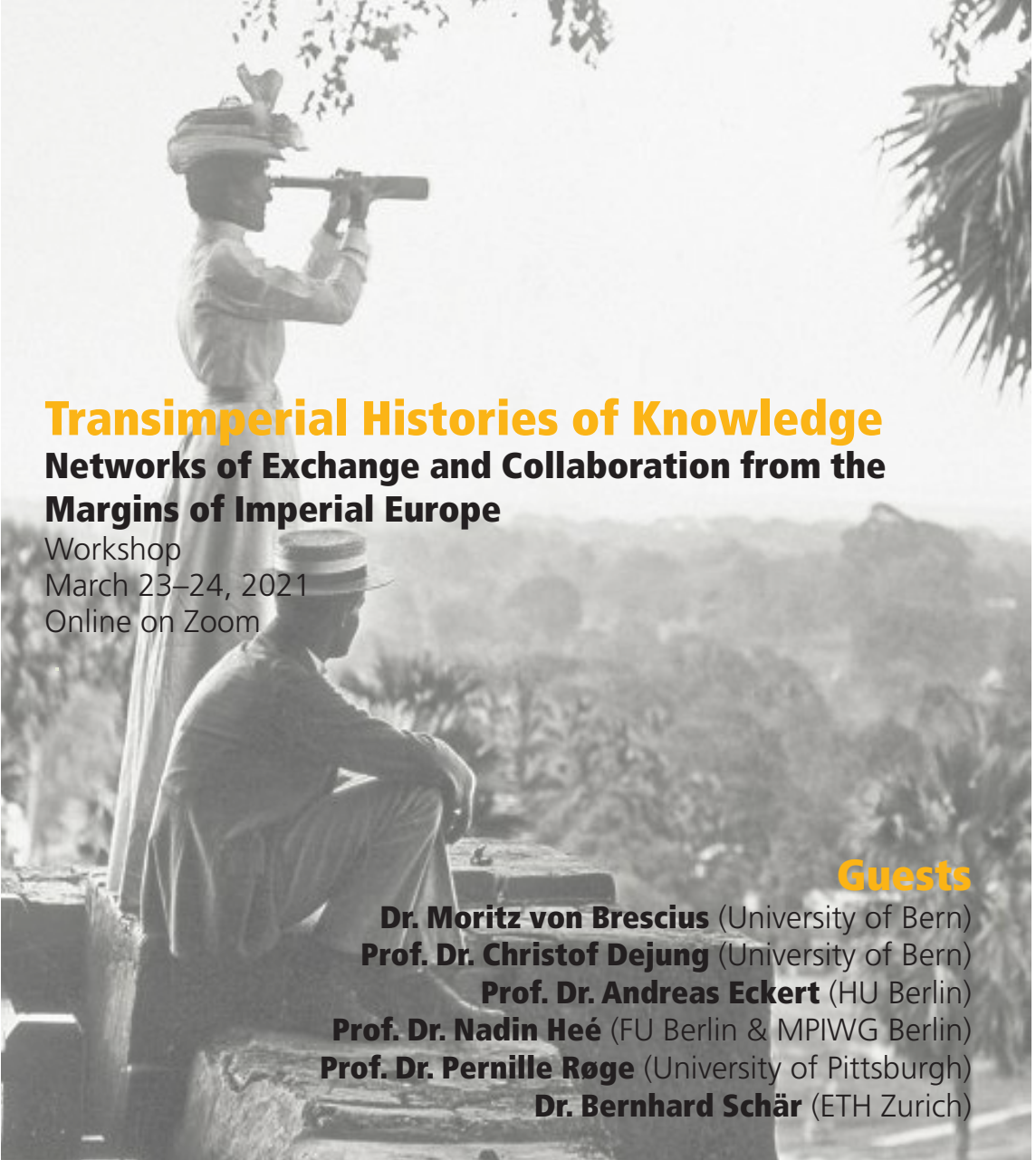
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Image (cover page): An Edwardian lady looking through her telescope in Burma (detail)
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Transimperial Histories of Knowledge

Networks of Exchange and Collaboration from the Margins of Imperial Europe

Workshop
March 23–24, 2021
Online on Zoom

Guests

Dr. Moritz von Brescius (University of Bern)
Prof. Dr. Christof Dejung (University of Bern)
Prof. Dr. Andreas Eckert (HU Berlin)
Prof. Dr. Nadin Heé (FU Berlin & MPIWG Berlin)
Prof. Dr. Pernille Røge (University of Pittsburgh)
Dr. Bernhard Schär (ETH Zurich)

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The workshop presents ongoing research for a special issue of the global history journal *Comparativ*. The issue brings transimperial history into conversation with the history of knowledge. It does so in order to investigate the co-production of knowledge between Africa, South and Southeast Asia and countries situated ›at the margins‹ of Imperial Europe during the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Together, the contributions present new paths to understanding how imperialism, when viewed through the prism of a transimperial history of knowledge, emerged as a shared European project, co-constituted by extra-European environments, epistemologies and actors.

The discussion will be based on pre-circulated papers which participants are expected to read in preparation of the workshop.

Please register by March 15, 2021 via email to: zgw-dp@ethz.ch

The Zoom link for online participation and the pre-circulated papers will be sent out in advance.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

13:00–13:15	Introduction
13:15–14:15	Pernille Røge (University of Pittsburgh): A Northern European ›mission to civilize‹: German, Swedish and Danish colonization projects in West Africa, c. 1770–1800 Commentators: Bernhard Schär & Andreas Eckert
14:15–14:45	Coffee break
14:45–15:45	Monique Ligtenberg (ETH Zurich): Contagious connections: Medicine, race, and plantation capitalism between Frankfurt, Sumatra and New Guinea, 1879–1904 Commentators: Nadin Heé & Andreas Eckert
15:45–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–17:00	Moritz von Brescius & Christof Dejung (University of Bern): Die Globalisierung kolonialer Agronomie: Ernst Fickerdey und moderne Plantagenökonomie zwischen den Tropen und Europa Commentators: Bernhard Schär & Andreas Eckert
17.15 (open end)	Virtual Apéro

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00–9:15	Introduction
9:15–10:15	Claire Louise Blaser (ETH Zurich): Sanskrit Roots in the Swiss Idioticon: Early Indology in Switzerland between transimperial science and national identity formation Commentators: Nadin Heé & Andreas Eckert
10:15–10:30	Coffee break
10:30–11:30	Josephine Selander (ETH Zurich): Spiritual Entrepreneurs: ›Indian Wisemen‹, American Theosophists, and the making of alternative spirituality in Swedish press (1900–1925) Commentators: Nadin Heé & Andreas Eckert
11:30–12:00	Coffee break
12:00–13:00	Joint final discussion