

## Workshop Schedule: Interculturalities in Imperial Spaces, June 20 – 21, 2025

**Organizers:** Philipp Horstmeier, Thomas Martin Szymczyk

**Venue:** Wilhelm-Röpke-Straße 6c, 35037 Marburg  
Rooms 09C06 and 09C12

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### Friday, June 20th

**09:30:** Arrival and Registration

**10:00 - 10:30:** Welcome & Introduction

**10:30 - 12:00:** Panel 1: Faith Lines. Religious Identity, Education, and Administration in Imperial Settings

- Bosco Bangura (Utrecht): *Islam and the Intercultural Agency of Muslims in Colonial Sierra Leone. Contesting Dominant Colonial & Missionary Narratives*
- Evgeniya Prusskaya (Marburg): *Integration of Muslims into Imperial Structures in French Algeria and Russian Caucasus of the Nineteenth Century*
- Younes Yassni (Tétouan): *Teachers of the Alliance Israélite Universelle and the Liminality of Jewishness in Colonial Morocco*

**12:00 - 13:00:** Lunch Break

**13:00 - 14:30:** Panel 2: Makers and Markers of Status. Elite Networks, Interactions, and Representations

- Abdulhamit Kirmızı (Istanbul): *Colleagues of Empire. Intercommunal Collegiality in Late Ottoman Bureaucracy*
- Antony Hoyte-West (London): *Literary depictions of local elites in colonial Antigua, St. Vincent, and Trinidad. Intercultural observations from two nineteenth-century British travelogues*
- Anastasiya Schacht (Heidelberg): *From Tashkent to Versailles. Intercultural Fates and Hybrid Identities of Panturkic National Movement*

**14:30 – 15:00:** Coffee Break

**15:00 – 17:00:** Panel 3: Speaking Empire, Voicing Difference. Language, Literature, and Policy

- Kapitolina Fedorova (Tallinn): *Communicating with the Other. Depiction of pidgin speakers in Russian travel writings*
- Irina Pelea (Bucharest): *Japan's Imperial Power through Language Policy. Intercultural Negotiations in Japanese Colonial Spaces (1895-1945)*
- Nishant Narayanan (Hyderabad): *Intercultural contact zones. Between colonial spaces, romantic clusters and oriental frames*
- Marina Frank (Marburg): *Dialectal Variation and Cultural Fragmentation in the Wenker Data*

**17:30 - 18:30: Guided Tour**

- Tour of the *Archiv des Deutschen Sprachatlas* (Archive of the German Language Atlas), led by Marina Frank

**19:00: Workshop Dinner**

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**Saturday, June 21st**

**10:00 - 11:30: Panel 4: In Print and in Action. Media, Ideas, and Social Mobilization**

- Arnab Dutta (Groningen): *Kultur, Culture, and Interculturality. The Conceptual Career of Kulturbegriff in Interwar British Bengal*
- Naresh Kumar (New Delhi): *"The Nationalist press" as an Imperial Broker. The case of "The Bombay Chronicle"*
- Cristina Spinei (Iași): *Communication and Ideological Transfer between German-speaking and Romanian Women Actors in the Habsburg Bukovinian Press*

**11:30 - 12:00: Coffee Break**

**12:00 - 13:30: Panel 5: Constructing Encounters. Architecture, Visuality, and the Materiality of Empire**

- Charlotte Rottiers (Zürich): *Belgian Diplomatic Buildings from Expressions of National Identity to Sites of Intercultural Exchange (1900-1914)*
- Romuald Valentin Nkouda Sopgui (Maroua): *Colonial Interculturality through Photography. King Njoya's Agency as a Perspective on Visual Representation of German-Cameroonian Colonial Encounters, 1902-1915*
- Xinbei Wang (Birmingham): *The Transculturality inside a Quasi-colonial Architecture. British Informal Imperialism in Mainland China in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century*

**13:30 - 14:00: Concluding Remarks**

**14:00 onwards: Optional Activity**

- Postcolonial City Tour of Marburg, led by Florian Neiske