

Transcultural Perspectives on Nationalism and Ethnicity in the Twentieth Century

University Of Heidelberg
Heidelberg Center for American Studies
February 26-27, 2010
Organizers: Brian D. Behnken and Simon Wendt

Conference Program

Friday, February 26

9-9:45am

Welcoming Remarks

Brian D. Behnken (Iowa State University) and Simon Wendt (University of Heidelberg)

Studying Nationalism and Ethnicity from a Transcultural Perspective: Thoughts on Theories and Methods

Simon Wendt (University of Heidelberg)

9:45-10am

Break

10am-12:30pm

Panel I: The Americas

Gendered Geographies of Power in New Immigrant Destinations

Marta Maria Maldonado (Iowa State University)

The Mexican's American/The American's Mexican: Cross-Border Flows of Culture and Nationalism Between the United States and Mexico

Brian D. Behnken (Iowa State University)

Third Space Sites and Subjectivities: Reimagining Borderlands Rhetorics

Adela C. Licona (University of Arizona)

12:30pm-2pm

Lunch

2-5:30pm

Panel II: Africa

Challenging E Pluribus Unum: Afrocentrism, Blacks, and the Challenges of (Multi)/(Inter)-Culturalism

Tunde Adeleke (Iowa State University)

Blurred Boundaries and Transformed Identities: Conceptualizing the African Diaspora

Abdi Kusow (Iowa State University)

"Kinship Among Wanderers": Images of Africa from the Atlantic World to the Pacific

Gregory D. Smithers (University of Aberdeen)

"Unity in Diversity": Ethnicity, Nationalism, and the Politics of Belonging in Ghana

Carola Lentz (University of Mainz)

6:30pm

Dinner

Saturday, February 27**9-12:30pm****Panel III: Asia**

The Impact of Ethnicity on Nationalism in South Asia: The Example of Sri Lanka and Kashmir

Justin Siefert/Alexandra Schott (University of Heidelberg)

Russians in Manchuria: Ethnic Identity and Russian Nationalism in Colonial and Semi-Colonial Space

Frank Grüner (University of Heidelberg)

The Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere and Asian Perspectives on Nationalism and Ethnicity, 1941-1945

David Earhart (Independent Scholar, Vancouver)

Nationalism, Ethnicity, and the Critique of the Modern in Japan after 1945

Wolfgang Seifert (University of Heidelberg)

12:30pm-2pm**Lunch****2pm-5:30pm****Panel IV: Europe**

The Making of a Metropolitan Fetish: An African Mask through Parisian Eyes, 1910-2006
John Monroe (Iowa State University)

“Migration Background – Background Migration”: Historical and Theoretical Reflections on Immigrants, Sexual and Gender Minorities, and Civil Rights in Germany and the United States

Kevin Amidon (Iowa State University)

“Historikerstreit” the Yugoslav Way: The Ethnicization of Universalist Notions as a Precondition for the Rise of Ethnonationalism in Yugoslavia, 1986-1995

Nenad Stefanov (Free University of Berlin)

National Discourse in Post-Unification Germany: Trends in Eastern vs. Western Journalists’ Modal Usage, 1990-1997

Carl W. Roberts (Iowa State University)

5:30-6pm**Closing Remarks**

Brian D. Behnken (Iowa State University) and Simon Wendt (University of Heidelberg)

6:30pm**Dinner**