

NETWORKS IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

Toward a Transcultural History of International Organisations

International Conference

October 21-22, 2010

Karl Jaspers Centre
Voßstraße 2, Building 4400
Conference Room 212 (Second Floor)
69115 Heidelberg, Germany



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Programme Thursday, October 21, 2010

9.00 Welcome

Madeleine Herren (University of Heidelberg)

Keynote

Kenichiro Hirano (Japan Center for Asian Historical Records, Tokyo):
Matsuoka Yosuke's Miscalculation at Geneva: A Possible
Reconsideration by Using JACAR Data

10.15 Coffee Break

10.30 Panel I: The Archival Materiality of International Organisations

Chair: *Cornelia Knab (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Madeleine Herren (University of Heidelberg)*

Jens Boel (UNESCO Archives, Paris):
The UNESCO History Project and Universal Archives

Sigrun Habermann-Box (UNOG Library and Archives, Geneva):
From the League of Nations to the United Nations: The Continuing
Preservation and Development of the Geneva Archives

Sacha Zala (University of Berne/Swiss Diplomatic Documents):
Materialising the Networks of International Organisations. Perspectives
on Swiss and International Digital Resources

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Panel II: Foreign Science Policy

Chair: *Cord Arendes (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Rudolf G. Wagner (University of Heidelberg)*

Tomoko Akami (Australian National University, Canberra):
Scientific International Collaboration in the Era of Empires and War:
Japanese Scientists and the Pan-Pacific Science Congress, 1920–39

Atsushi Shibasaki (Komazawa University):

Activities and Discourses on International Cultural Relations in Modern
Japan: the Making of KBS (Kokusai Bunka Shinko Kai), 1934–53

Takashi Saikawa (University of Heidelberg):

From Intellectual Cooperation to International Cultural Exchange: Japan
and China in the International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation,
1922–39

Maya Okuda (University of Heidelberg):

A Transcultural History of International Organizations: the Case of
Japan and the League of Nations

16.00 Coffee Break

16.15 Panel III: Global Curricula and Global Subjects

Chair: *Isabella Löhr (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Johannes Paulmann (University of Mannheim)*

Katja Naumann (University of Leipzig):
UNESCO and the Globalization of History Curricula – The International
Commission for a “Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind” (1952–
1969)

*Anuradha Bhattacharjee (Mudra Institute of Communications,
Ahmedabad):*

The Polish Citizens of Nawanagar in India

Guoqi Xu (University of Hong Kong):

Networking through the Y: The Role of YMCA in China's Search for
New National Identity and Internationalization

19.30 Launch of Database LONSEA

Venue: Prinz Carl Palais, Kornmarkt 1, 69117 Heidelberg

Programme Friday, October 22, 2010

9.00 Panel IV: Global Knowledge Economy

Chair: *Amalia Ribí (University of Oxford)*

Discussant: *Klaas Dykmann (Roskilde Universitet)*

Katja Patzel-Mattern (University of Heidelberg):

“Not only a German but also a European interest.” Dimensions of German Economic and Fiscal Policies during the Crises of the 1930s.

Sunil S. Amrith (Birkbeck, University of London):

Internationalizing Public Health in South and Southeast Asia, c. 1919-1939

Sandrine Kott (University of Geneva):

Conflicting Views on Labor. Which role for International Organizations in Cold War Time?

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 Panel V: Concepts of International Organisations

Chair: *Caroline Authaler (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Roland Wenzlhuemer (University of Heidelberg)*

Craig N. Murphy (University of Massachusetts, Boston):

Global Governance: from Organizations to Networks or not?

Prem Shankar Jha (Author/Journalist, India):

International Order in Disarray. Systematic Chaos and the End of Nation-state Capitalism

Toshiki Mogami (International Christian University, Tokyo):

The Motor of Centralization or An Empty Center?

13.15 Lunch Break

14.30 Panel VI (parallel panels): Practices of Networking

Panel VIa: Large Dams and Small Germs

Chair: *Dominik J. Schaller (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Paul Weindling (Oxford Brookes University)*

Cornelia Knab (University of Heidelberg):

How the Cows Became Dangerous: Transnational Perspectives on the Handling of Zoonotic Diseases in the Early Twentieth Century

Naomi Nagata (Nagoya Gakuin University):

International Control of Epidemic Diseases in Historical and Cultural Perspective

Marcus Nüsser (University of Heidelberg):

Large dams and social movements: the practice of international networking

Panel VIb: Intangible Cultural Heritage?

Chair: *Antje Flüchter (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Corinne Pernet (University of St. Gallen)*

Timothy D. Taylor (University of California, Los Angeles):

The New Capitalism, Networks, and the Reenchantment of Culture

Bjarne Rogan (University of Oslo):

Folklore and International Cooperation in the 1930s. The Case of CIAP and the League of Nations

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 Panel VII: Western Associations, Eastern Networks?

Chair: *Jessica R. Lenz (University of Heidelberg)*

Discussant: *Joachim Kurtz (University of Heidelberg)*

Shin Kawashima (University of Tokyo):

Sino-Japanese controversy on textbook problem and League of Nations [per Mail nachgefragt, noch keine Antwort]

Li Chang (Academia Sinica, Taipei):

The United Nations Special Fund and the Developing Country: A Case Study of Taiwan's Experience in the 1960s

Udo Simon (University of Heidelberg):

Islamic networks in transnational space

19.00 Final Discussion

Concept

Networks In Times of Transition

Since the end of the Cold War, many expectations and fears have arisen from a confusing variety of organisations operating beyond national borders. They range from transnational terrorist networks to international charity organizations and include major actors like the United Nations. Often they are met with high expectations towards their ability to tackle the world's most pressing problems.

This conference aims to combine historical research with contemporary debates about the role of international organizations in transboundary work and understanding. It is especially intended to foster on the role of the past for today's organisations and civil society networks. Three featured key research approaches of the conference are the preservation and transfer of past knowledge, the blurring border between civil and governmental activities, and the role of border crossing information about and from international organizations in past and contemporary debates.

For further information on the Research Project „Networking the International System“ please visit

<http://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/en/research/a-governance-administration/a3.html>

LONSEA - League of Nations SEArch Engine

LONSEA

is a research database located at the University of Heidelberg and created by the Research Project „Networking the International System“. It aims to access and visualise the global networking of international organisations since 1919 – the foundation of the League of Nations.

LONSEA

is based on material compiled by the League of Nations to systematize international activities around the globe:

The League of Nations' Handbook of International Organisations, 1921–1938

The League of Nations' Personal Files of Employees

LONSEA

provides information about international organisations and associations, their members, activities, meetings and publications

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