

**The Social Life of Knowledge Infrastructures:
Expert Groups, Social Networks, and Imagined Communities**

International and Interdisciplinary Conference

March 1–3, 2023

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“Knowledge Infrastructures”

University of Regensburg, Germany

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1:

CONFERENCE OPENING

5:15–6:00 pm **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Carmen Dexl and Dr. Christian Reiss (coordinators of the CITAS-funded research network KNOW-IN)

6:00–7:00 pm **OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Prof. Dr. Julie Kleinman (Associate Professor of Anthropology at Fordham University, New York, USA): “Channel as Method: Making Migrant Worlds through Infrastructural Interdependency”

7:00 pm **RECEPTION**

THURSDAY, MARCH 2:

9:00–10:00 am **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Dr. Nils Güttler (Assistant Professor, History of Science, University of Vienna, Austria): “Infrastructuring Knowledge: Frankfurt Airport and the Hidden History of the Environmental Sciences”

10:00 am–noon **PANEL**

THE WORKINGS OF INFRASTRUCTURE: THE PRODUCTION OF IM/MOBILITIES AND (NEW) SOCIAL NETWORKS

Chair: Dr. Birgit Hebel-Bauridl

1. Dr. Sven Jaros (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, IOS, Regensburg): "Knowledge in Exile. Networks and Knowledge Production of Eastern European Scholars in Western Exile during the 19th and early 20th Century"
2. Katharina Bick (History of Science, University of Regensburg): "15 Tons of Equipment Go from Hamburg to Crimea (1914). Astronomers on Expedition and their Access to Infrastructures of Transportation, Communication and Politics"
3. Dr. Carmen Dexl (American Studies, University of Regensburg): "Black Cabaret Culture in Interwar Paris: The Nightclub as a ‘Contact Zone’ and Site of Knowledge Production"

12:00–2:00 pm Lunch break

2:00–4:00 pm **PANEL**

NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURES AS A RESOURCE: EMERGING EXPERT GROUPS AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW KNOWLEDGES

Chair: Thalia Prokopiou, M.A

1. Prof. Dr. Luminita Gatejel (Transnational Interrelations: Germany and Eastern Europe, University of Augsburg): "Turning Wetlands into 'Productive' Land: River Bank Engineering in Interwar Romania"
2. Dr. Nils Bennemann (Social- and Economic History, University of Duisburg-Essen): "The Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine as a Knowledge Infrastructure in the 19th Century?"
3. Dr. Christian Reiss (History of Science, University of Regensburg): "The Social Life of Hedges: A Transregional History of a NatureCulture Infrastructure and its Knowledges"

4:00–4:30 pm Coffee break

4:30–5:30 pm **KEYNOTE LECTURE:**

Emily Brownell Ph.D. (Lecturer in Environmental History at the University of Edinburgh, UK): "Road Building as Infrastructure for Experimentation"

7:00 pm Conference dinner (location t.b.a.; internal event)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3:

9:00–10:00 am **KEYNOTE LECTURE:**

Dr. Dominik Hünninger (Research Associate, DFG-Centre for Advanced Studies "Imagaria of Force," University of Hamburg, Germany): "Extractive Knowledge Infrastructures? Museums, Colonialism and Ecologies since the 18th Century"

10:00 am – noon **PANEL**

EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND THE FORMATION OF CROSS-BORDER PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES

Chair: Dr. Paul Vickers

1. Dr. Frederic Ponten (German Studies, University of Regensburg): "Expert Groups of Literature? Revisiting the Problem of Sociability in Weimar Classicism"
2. Dr. Ákos Bitter (Research Center for German in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, University of Regensburg): "Infrastrukturen der Kultur- und Wissensvermittlung auf Ignaz Aurelius Feßlers Bildungsweg in der Habsburgermonarchie (1766–1784)"
3. Prof. Dr. Roland Wittje (History of Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Madras): "Infrastructuring India after 1947: The Post-Independence State and International Collaboration in Scientific and Technological Development"

12:00–12:30 pm **CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**

If you are interested in attending the full conference or selected sessions of the event, please register via email to the conference organizers by February 15, 2023:

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Dr. Christian Reiss (History of Science, University of Regensburg): christian.reiss@psk.uni-regensburg.de!

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