

German Migrants and Migrating Knowledge in Latin American History

International Conference at the GHI Washington, November 3–5, 2022

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Program

Thursday, November 3, 2022

6.00 pm: Welcome and Introduction

6.30 pm: Keynote: Jeffrey Lesser (Emory University Atlanta): *More Stories about Lives and Ideas*

7.15 pm: Comment: Irina Podgorny (Universidad Nacional de la Plata)

Discussion

Friday, November 4, 2022

9:00 am: Panel 1: *Indigenous Knowledge and Beyond: Research, Networks, and Representations*

Chair: Nino Vallen (GHI Washington, Pacific Office)

- Sophie Brockmann (De Montfort University Leicester): *Germans in Guatemala and the Making of Maya Archaeology, 1900–1940*
- Lorena López Jáuregui (Freie Universität Berlin): *German Scientific Networks & Americanist Museums: An Entangled History (1884–1914)*
- Felipe Vilo Muñoz (University of Texas at Austin): *Communities on Motion: The Voyage to the Atacama Desert, 1853–1854*

9:45: Comment: H. Glenn Penny (University of California, Los Angeles)

Discussion

10:45: coffee break

11:15: Panel 2: *Entangled Scientific Knowledge: Medicine, Nature, and the Cosmos*

Chair: Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş (GHI Washington)

- Benjamin Bryce (University of British Columbia Vancouver): *Health and Ability at the Borders: German and Transiting Migrants between Germany and Argentina, 1890-1930*
- Barbara Kirsi Silva (Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile): *Jürgen Stock. The Case of an Astronomer as Mediator for Migrant Knowledge*
- Nelson Chacón (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): *Migrants and Knowledge in Latin America: Fritz Müller and the Brazilian Nature in the 19th Century*

12:00 pm: Comment: Carlos Rodrigo Sanhueza Cerda (Universidad de Chile)

Discussion

1:00 Lunch

3:00 Networking Event at the GHI Washington

4:30 Visit to the Embassy of Argentina in Washington DC

7:00: Conference Dinner

Saturday, November 5, 2022

9.00 am: Panel 3: *Creating Knowledge in and about Foreign Environments: Colonization, Settlement, and Entrepreneurship*

Chair: Mario Peters (GHI Washington)

- Jochen Kemner (Universität Kassel): *German Migrants as Tropical Agro-Business Entrepreneurs and the Postcolonial Gaze on Labor Exploitation and Philanthropy*
- Cristian Cercel (Institut für donauschwäbische Geschichte und Landeskunde Tübingen): *Knowing How to Settle: A Comparative Analysis of the Resettlement of Jewish Refugees to Sosúa, the Dominican Republic (1940), and the Resettlement of Danube Swabian Expellees to Entre Rios, Brazil (1951/1952)*
- Claudio Soltmann (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz): *Capuchin Missionaries and German Scholarship in Chile. The Case of Felix Joseph von Augsburg and Hieronymus von Amberg (1900-1920)*

9:45: Comment: Stefan Rinke (Freie Universität Berlin)

Discussion

10:45: coffee break

11:15: Panel 4: *Knowledge for the Public: News, Media, and Culture*

Chair: Simone Lässig (GHI Washington)

- Karina Kriegesmann (Freie Universität Berlin): *Contested Knowledge, Truths and News Reporting in the Americas: German Migrants and Social Diversity in Brazil During the First World War*
- Itzel Toledo García (Freie Universität Berlin): *Agencia Duems and the Dissemination of News in Latin America (1920-1932)*
- Ricarda Musser (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut Berlin): *Musical Migrations: German Musicians in Brazil and their Influence on the Development of Music. The Example of Charley Lachmund*



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12:00 pm: Comment: David Blackbourn (Vanderbilt University)

Discussion

1:00: Lunch

2:00: Final Roundtable: Barbara Kirsi Silva (Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile), Itzel Toledo García (Freie Universität Berlin), Carlos Rodrigo Sanhueza Cerda (Universidad de Chile), David Blackbourn (Vanderbilt University)

Moderation: H. Glenn Penny (University of California, Los Angeles), Stefan Rinke (Freie Universität Berlin)

3:30 End of Conference