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The Mobility of People, Ideas and Objects between the German-
Speaking Lands and the World beyond Europe

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May 20 – May 22, 2026

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9.00–10.00 a.m. (Zeughaus, Hall)

Welcome and Opening (Peter Burschel, Volker Bauer and Elizabeth Harding)

10.00–10.30 a.m.

Coffee Break (Lessinghaus)

10.30 a.m.–12.00 p.m.: First Session

Panel 1 (Zeughaus, Hall)

The Global North, South and East: Early Modern Lessons for Today

Chair: Elisabeth Wåghäll Nivre (Stockholm)

Tamar Cholcman (Tel Aviv):

Emblematic Worlds in Circulation: From Wunderkammer to Kibbutz

Dwight E. R. TenHuisen (Grand Rapids):

Alciato and His Emblems in the Service of Augustinian Criollo Propaganda in Colonial Peru

Mara R. Wade (Urbana-Champaign):

North Atlantic Colonialism: Gottorf, Copenhagen, and the Colonial Enterprise

Panel 2 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)

Circulation and Consumption of Objects

Chair: Birgit Münch (Bonn)

Franziska Moosmann (Bremen):

Missionarische Sammlungen und die Zirkulation religiösen Wissens

Michael North (Greifswald):

Deutsche Kaufleute im Dienst der niederländischen Handelskompanien in Brasilien und Südostasien

Esra Grun (Osnabrück):

Objekte der Diplomatie: Die Berichterstattung über interkulturelle Gabentauschpraktiken im Theatrum Europaeum

Panel 3 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)

Framing and Contextualising the Global

Chair: Helmut Puff (Ann Arbor/Freiburg)

Clément Poupard (Paris):

Chinese characters, cryptography and universal languages from Herzog August to Leibniz

Daniel Riches (Alabama):

The Study of Languages and Visions of the World in Early Modern Germany

Maximilian Görmar (Wolfenbüttel) & Alexander Zirr (Wolfenbüttel):
Exotic animals and foreign envoys: Contacts with the non-European world
in the diaries of Prince Christian II of Anhalt-Bernburg

12.00–02.00 p.m.
Lunch Break

2.00–3.30 p.m.: Second Session

Panel 4 (Zeughaus, Hall)
Multimodal Travels: People, Ideas, and Languages
Chair: Jill Bepler (Wolfenbüttel)

Mariagabriella Stuardi (Mount Pleasant):
Polyglot commonplace book by Christian II of Anhalt-Bernburg:
A manuscript

Andrew Sternhagen Schwenk (Urbana-Champaign):
Faust among the Turks

Pedro Germano Leal (Glasgow):
Untangling Agencies: Johannes Baptista Neumann and the Guaraní Press

Panel 5 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)
Knowing and Adopting the Foreign
Chair: Sigrun Haude (Cincinnati)

Andreas Berger-Gehringer (Bern):
Domesticating the World: Obedient Matter, Healing, and Protection in
Early Modern Recipe Books

Corinna Dziudzia (Wolfenbüttel):
Familiarizing the foreign in literary writing of the Early Enlightenment
period

Isabelle Riepe (Florenz):
Materialising the world through words: The role of objects in the
emergence of Weltgeschichte and Weltliteratur

Panel 6 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)
Military Networks and Objects
Chair: Daniela Wagner (Wolfenbüttel)

Tim Buser (Basel) & Tobias Oswald (Basel):
Missionaries, Mercenaries, and Those Left Behind: Swiss Entanglements
in a Globalising World

Linda Pearce (Sackville, CA):
Guns, Trumpets, and Drums: Sound and Conquest in the Austrian Habsburg–
Ottoman Thirteen Years' War (1593–1606)

Stefan Laube (Wolfenbüttel):
Chains, Blades, and Wires. From Narrow, Water-Rich Valleys to the Wide World.

3.30–4.00 p.m.
Coffee Break (Lessinghaus)

4.00–5.00 p.m.
Guided Tour / „Meet the Project“

4.00–5.30 p.m.
FNI Executive Committee Meeting (Anna-Vorwerk-Haus, Silbersaal)

6.00–8.00 p.m.
Reception and Finger Food (Anna-Vorwerk-Haus and Garden)

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9.00–10.30 a.m.: Third Session

Panel 7 (Zeughaus, Hall)
Mining the Archives and Applying Metallurgy: An Interdisciplinary Approach to German Involvements with the Transatlantic Slave Trade
Chair: Prof. Dr. Kazuo Kobayashi (Tokyo)

Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/Oder):
Germany in the “Williams Debate”. Textiles and Metal Ware for the Slave Trade, 16th-18th C.

Anka Steffen (Wien): Silesia's “Manorial Modernity”: Serfdom as an Economic Strategy in Linen Production

Tobias Skowronek (Bochum): Brass and Bronze for Africa: Combining Rhenish and British Skills

Panel 8 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)
Literarising Mobility: Paul Fleming as a Model Case I
Chair: Dirk Werle (Heidelberg)

Samantha Philips (Kiel):
Formen und Dimensionen der Darstellung von Mobilität in Paul Flemings Promus

Katharina Worms (Heidelberg):
Paul Fleming: The Mobility of Objects (Texts, Ships, Luxury Goods and Natural Environment) / Paul Fleming: Die Mobilität von Objekten (Texte, Schiffe, Luxusgüter und Naturraum)

Nicolas Detering (Bern):
Erzwungene Mobilität: Flucht und Vertreibung in Paul Flemings Gedichten“?

Panel 9 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)
Imaginierte Ökonomien in Reisenarrativen der Frühen Neuzeit
Chair: Corinna Dziudzia (Wolfenbüttel)

Franz Fromholzer (Augsburg):
Die ökonomischen Lehren eines Dragomans: Mouradgea d'Ohssons aufgeklärter Blick auf das osmanische Reich in deutscher Übersetzung

Victoria Gutsche (Wuppertal):
Über das Osmanische Reich erzählen: Ökonomisches Wissen in Der Georgianischen Kemiski und ihres Gemahls Cherif Alekes [...] Liebes=Geschichte (1698)

Christian Meierhofer (Saarbrücken/Bonn):
Ökonomie und Occasio: Erzählstrategien fingierter Reiseberichte in der Frühen Neuzeit

10.30–11.00 a.m.
Coffee Break (Lessinghaus)

11.00–12.00 p.m.
Book Discussion Roundtable "Volker Bauer: Idealisierung und Entzauberung Europas um 1700" (Zeughaus, Hall)

Participants: Peter Burschel, Birgit Emich, Elizabeth Harding, Beth Plummer, Alexander Schunka

12.00–2.00 p.m.
Lunch Break

2.00–3.00 p.m.
Plenary Talk 1 (Zeughaus, Hall), Chair: Volker Bauer (Wolfenbüttel)

Carina Johnson (Claremont):
Polygamy and Difference: the Count of Gleichen, the Countess of Gleichen, and the Princess

3.00–3.30 p.m.
Coffee Break (Lessinghaus)

3.30–5.00 p.m.: Fourth Session

Panel 10 (Zeughaus, Hall)
Exploiting Black People
Chair: Peter Burschel (Wolfenbüttel)

Steven Reinhardt (Halle-Wittenberg):
The 'Nicobar Collectors': German missionaries and their enslaved 'black natural philosophers'

Maximilian Rose (Jena):
From Productive Misunderstanding to Privileged Dependency: Non-Enslaved West African Children in Eighteenth-Century Central Europe

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Arne Spohr (Bowling Green):
Black Military and Court Musicians in Brandenburg-Prussia, 1680–1720:
A View from the Colonial Archive

Panel 11 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)
Literarising Mobility: Paul Fleming as a Model Case II
Chair: Nicolas Detering (Bern)

Marvin Asmussen (Münster):
Lyrical Texts as Evidence of Travel and Networks: Paul Fleming as
a Model Case / Lyrische Texte als Zeugnisse von Reisen und Netzwerken:
Paul Fleming als Model Case

Sylvia Brockstieger (Heidelberg):
Staticity and Mobility as Motifs in Fleming's Self-Reflective Poetry /
Statik und Mobilität als Motive in Flemings selbstreflexiver Lyrik

Dirk Werle (Heidelberg):
Paul Fleming as Model Case: Mobility of Ideas / Paul Fleming als
Modellfall: Mobilität von Ideen

Panel 12 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)
Writing about Discoveries
Chair: Gerhild Scholz-Williams (St. Louis)

Danielle Alesi (Rochester):
Knowing Animals, Knowing the Americas: Animal Encounters in Hans
Staden, Jean de Lery, and Andre Thevet

Gábor Bradács (Budapest):
Providence, Empire, and a "Fourth Part": Protestant Universal
Chronicles and the Discoveries, 1530–1550 (working Title)

Christine R. Johnson (St. Louis):
Dead Men Tell No Tales: News of New World Conquest in the German-
Speaking Lands

6.00–8.00 p.m.
Buffet (Anna-Vorwerk-Haus and Garden)

Friday, May 22, 2026

9.00–10.30 a.m.: Fifth Session

Panel 13 (Zeughaus, Hall)
Making Natural Knowledge
Chair: Philipp Haas (Wolfenbüttel)

Thomas Biskup (Wolfenbüttel):
Wahlverwandtschaften: Global botanical migration, concepts of German
nationhood and global kindred

Pamina Herrmann (Berlin) & Jason C.J. Terry (Berlin):
Translating the Translated: On the Translation and Transformation of
Sensory Experience and Natural Knowledge in the 17th and 18th Centuries

Teresa Mocharitsch (Graz):
Moving Nature: The Mobility of Plants from South Africa to the Habsburg
Empire

Panel 14 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)
Imageries of the North
Chair: Amy Burnett (Lincoln)

Elisabeth Wåghäll Nivre (Stockholm):
Travels to the end of the world or within Europe? Early Modern German
Travelers to Sápmi

John White (Princeton):
An Amphibious Art: Carving Ivory from Land and Sea in Northern Europa

Charlotte Colding Smith (Bonn):
Whaling at the Horizons of Knowledge: Approaching the Arctic from
German-Speaking Lands during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries

Panel 15 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)
Framing Social and Cultural Differences
Chair: Carina Johnson (Claremont)

Rebekka von Mallinckrodt (Bremen):
„Rasse“ als Argument? Verhörprotokolle als Quelle zur Alltagserfahrung
von People of Colour in deutschen Städten und Territorien des späten
18. und frühen 19. Jahrhunderts

Aidyn Osgood (Claremont, CA):
Gender, Sexuality, and Racial Assimilation in German Treatments of
Indigenous Amerindians, Africans, Asians, and Europeans in Global
Perspective

Jonathan Trayner (Southampton):
Peasants and Slaves: Invisible Images in the Sixteenth and Nineteenth
Centuries

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Lunch Break
2.00–3.00 p.m.

Plenary Talk 2 (Zeughaus, Hall), Chair: Elizabeth Harding
(Wolfenbüttel)

Achim Aurnhammer (Freiburg im Br.):
China im Modus des Paralleltransfers: Jesuitentheater und aufklärerische
Deutungskonkurrenzen im frühneuzeitlichen Europa

3.00–3.30 p.m.
Coffee Break (Lessinghaus)

3.30–5.00 p.m.: Sixth Session

Panel 16 (Zeughaus, Seminar Room)
Pietist Mission
Chair: Alexander Schunka (Berlin)

John Balz (Madison):
The Fall of First Fruits and the Rise of a Missionary Church

Barbara Becker-Cantarino (Austin):
Deutsche Migrantinnen und Mädchenschulen im kolonialen Nordamerika:
Benigna von Watteville (1725–1789) und ihre pietistischen Schwestern

Philip Haberkern (Boston):
A Global Pilgergemeinschaft: The Unitas Fratrum and Moravian Missions

Panel 17 (Meißnerhaus, Seminar Room)
Shaping the Self
Chair: Beth Plummer (Tucson)

Heikki Lempa (Bethlehem):
The Exercises of the Others. The Discovery of Zurkhaneh and its Arrival
in the German Lands, 1765-1800

John Theibault (Voorhees, NY):
Of Savages: Philip Vincent on the Pequot and Thirty Years Wars

Wesley Richmond (Tuscaloosa):
To Speak the Christian Language: German Jesuits and the Other in Eight-
eenth-Century Sonora

6.30–8.30 p.m.
Conference Dinner (Restaurant Da Giovanni, Harzstraße 20, Wolfenbüttel)