

In the long 19<sup>th</sup> century, the European sciences experienced their second revolution through both government-led and individual expeditions. The white spots of the earth were to be explored, all things foreign could be appropriated and categorized in the private studies and academies of Europe. Life on the peripheries was documented, evaluated, exploited. Languages, head forms, rituals, art, dances and much more had to be recorded, classified and catalogued. Entire disciplines formed and defined themselves around the urge to travel far away. Artifacts, illustrations, and adventure narratives offered self-perception for a European world in search of itself and its origins.

During this conference we are taking a comprehensive look at these tendencies. We ask about the way in which the world was surveyed and ordered by expeditions, and about the reasons why some expeditions were well received by the public and others were not. We will discuss the research for and the establishment of colonies, their visualization and the related practices of power, as well as the differences to the expeditions of the early modern period.

For three days we are going to follow the traces of a European movement into the world which to this day shapes our ideas of science and non-European science. Welcome!

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# DISCOVERING SURVEYING ORDERING

## Expeditions in the long 19<sup>th</sup> century

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Organized by Melanie Hussinger,  
Jörn Happel and Hajo Raupach

## Wednesday, 17 November 2021

### Opening and Keynote

- 06:00 pm** Opening by Jörn Happel  
**06:30 pm** Keynote: Roberto Zaugg (Zurich):  
The Shackle and the Pen. Travel Writing in  
the Age of the Atlantic Slave Trade

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"New Research on History"*  
Convener: Jörn Happel

## Thursday, 18 November 2021

### Panel I: Conceptualizing Surveys

Convener: Joachim Eibach (Bern)

- 10:00–11:30 am**  
■ **Yvonne Kleinmann** (Halle-Wittenberg): Vermesser und  
Verwalter. Die russländischen Forschungsexpeditionen des  
18. Jahrhunderts als Netzwerk  
■ **Anna Ananieva & Alexander Ananyev** (Tübingen):  
Zwischen Estland und der Welt: Wirkungspotenzial der  
Familiennetzwerke am Beispiel der Expeditionen von  
Otto von Kotzebue  
■ **Martin Rohde** (Halle-Wittenberg) & **Fabian  
Baumann** (Basel): Bauern messen – Nationen machen?  
Die Forschungsexpeditionen der St. Petersburger  
anthropometrischen Schule Fedir Vovks im frühen 20.  
Jahrhundert  
**11:30–01:00 pm** Lunch



### Panel II: Forgotten Expeditions

Convener: Alexander Schnickmann (Berlin)

- 01:00–02:00 pm**  
■ **Lachlan Fleetwood** (Dublin): Breakdown, "Failure"  
and Dependency in Imperial Exploration and Surveying:  
Notes from the Euphrates Expedition of 1835-7  
■ **Michael Jonas** (Hamburg): Another Imperial Order:  
A. O. Hume's Expeditions and the Origins of Indian  
Ornithology  
■ **Moritz Pöllath** (Munich): The forgotten case of the  
German Protectorate of Wituland: Travelers, adventurers  
and scientific explorers on the fringes of East Africa

**02:00–03:00 pm** Break

### Panel III: Surveying the Colonies

Convener: Alexander Morrison (Oxford)

- 03:00–04:00 pm**  
■ **Devyani Gupta** (Dehli/Leeds) Making Empire Legible:  
Knowledge practices and postal standardization in  
nineteenth century India  
■ **Mark Rice** (New York): The Menage Expedition to  
the Philippines – An Unexpected Prelude to Colonial  
Governance

**04:00–04:15 pm** Break

### Panel IV: The Visualisation of the Other

Convener: Anja Rathmann-Lutz (Basel)

- 04:15–05:15 pm**  
■ **Margo Buelens-Terryn & Kirstof Loockx** (Antwerp):  
Bringing the world into view: The visual travel lecture  
circuit in early-twentieth-century Belgium  
■ **Adrian Young** (Granville): Indigenous Hospitality and  
Expeditionary Practice: the Case of Pitcairn Island  
Virtual get-together

**05:15–05:45 pm**  
Get Together

## Friday, 19 November 2021

### Panel V: Practices

Convener: Alexis Hofmeister (Basel/Munich)

**10:00–11:30 am**

- **Clemens Günther** (Berlin): Grenzphänomene –  
Wissenspoetiken des Schneesturms in der Orenburger  
Steppe  
■ **Mira Shah** (Frankfurt am Main): Steinzeit orten/  
ordnen. Expeditionen nach Neuguinea im Dienst der  
'Erfindung' menschlicher Vorgeschichte  
■ **Tobit Nauheim** (Bonn): "Erster Eindruck der  
Japaner nicht besonders günstig". Methodologische  
Überlegungen zu einer biographisch orientierten  
Analyse epistemischer Feldforschungspraktiken anhand  
der Japanreise Johannes Justus Reins (1873–75)

**11:30–12:00 am** Break

### Panel VI: Closing the Circle

Convener: Roberto Zaugg (Zurich)

**12:00 am–01:30 pm**

- **Tatiana Feklova** (St. Petersburg): The organizational  
and financial aspects of the Russian Academy of  
sciences' expeditions in the 19 century  
■ **Maximilian Drephal** (Potsdam): "An envoy and his  
gifts", "sickness" and empire  
■ **Marcelo Fabián Figueroa** (Tucumán): From one  
coast to the other: the Malaspina expedition at the  
Eastern and Western coasts of Patagonia (1789–1790)

### Final Discussion

Convener: Melanie Hussinger & Hajo Raupach

**01:30–02:00 pm**  
Evaluation

