

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GLOBAL HISTORY STUDENT CONFERENCE

June 7-9, 2024

Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut
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Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**



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Programme

GLOBAL HISTORY STUDENT CONFERENCE 2024

Date: June 7, Friday

Location: Lichthof (Ost) im Hauptgebäude, Unter den Linden 6, 10117

16:00	Registration
17:00	Welcome Reception and Keynote Lecture “The Nonlinearity of Scale: Emotional Geographies of Nature in Colonial History” (Frederik Schröer, Max Planck Institute for Human Development)
18:30	Group Photo
19:00	Welcoming Dinner for Conference Participants and Organising Team (Bistro, Humboldt Forum)

Date: June 8, Saturday

Location: Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Koserstr. 20, 14195

10:00	Coffee
10:30-13:00	Panel 1 and Panel 2
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:15-16:45	Panel 3 and Panel 4
17:00-18:30	Student Salon (Optional)

Date: June 9, Sunday

Location: Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Koserstr. 20, 14195

10:00	Coffee
10:30-13:00	Panel 5 and Panel 6
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:15-16:45	Panel 7 and Panel 8
17:00-18:00	Final Discussion (Participants, Audience and Organising Team)
18:00-18:30	Closing Remarks

Date: June 10, Monday (Optional)

10:00-12:00	Guided Tour (Mitte, Berlin)
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Covered Expenses (Exclusive for Conference Speakers and Organising Team):
Welcoming Buffet Dinner (Food & Cold Drinks, Excl. Alcohol & Hot Drinks) on Friday,
Lunch & Beverage (Hot & Soft Drinks) on Saturday and Sunday,
Guided Tour

Foreword

It is exciting to see the world back to normal after the pandemic. Following the successful Global History Student Conference in 2023, we are thrilled to organise the conference again and to meet everyone from around the globe in Berlin with fewer restrictions this summer. Thanks to the first few cohorts of Global History MA students at the Freie Universität and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, who realised the gap of student-led discussions on global history in the greater global context, they first started the student conference in 2015, and it was very successful. Since then, each year's rendition has received increasing applications and interest, and our conference has always been an event organised by students and for students. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the conference organisation in 2020 and 2021. We are proud to bring back the conference in 2022, and ever since then, our team has been trying our best to improve the conference experience every year.

This year, we are delighted to welcome many new team members on board. As a whole, we have actively cooperated and planned the conference during the past months. With our passion, we overcame many obstacles, and we were determined to strive for the goal of meeting and hosting global historians in Berlin. Having received nearly 300 applications from over 40 countries around the globe, we are honoured to invite 32 participants to travel to Berlin and discuss their insightful research projects in the greater context of global history. By opening the Eighth Global History Student Conference, we cannot wait to provide a platform for students of global history to discuss their research, share their knowledge, and build an academic network beyond institutional and national boundaries.

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our utmost gratitude to Prof. Sebastian Conrad, whose general and financial support is essential to this conference. We would also like to thank Dr. Frederik Schröer, for taking the time to give the opening lecture. Ms. Maggie Crisp and Ms. Carmen Cuevas Alonso were of great assistance for their kind help with many tasks and questions, including managing the reimbursement process. Our team member You Wu did the design for our programme, creating an aesthetically pleasing layout for us, for which we are also extremely grateful. We also extend our thanks to our Global History MA students who supported our early conference organisation. Last but not least, we would like to dedicate our thanks to every team member - the conference would not have been possible without the advice and professional insights from our team members. Most importantly, we thank every participant for their input and interest in the conference. Needless to say, there would be no conference without you.

Your Conference Team

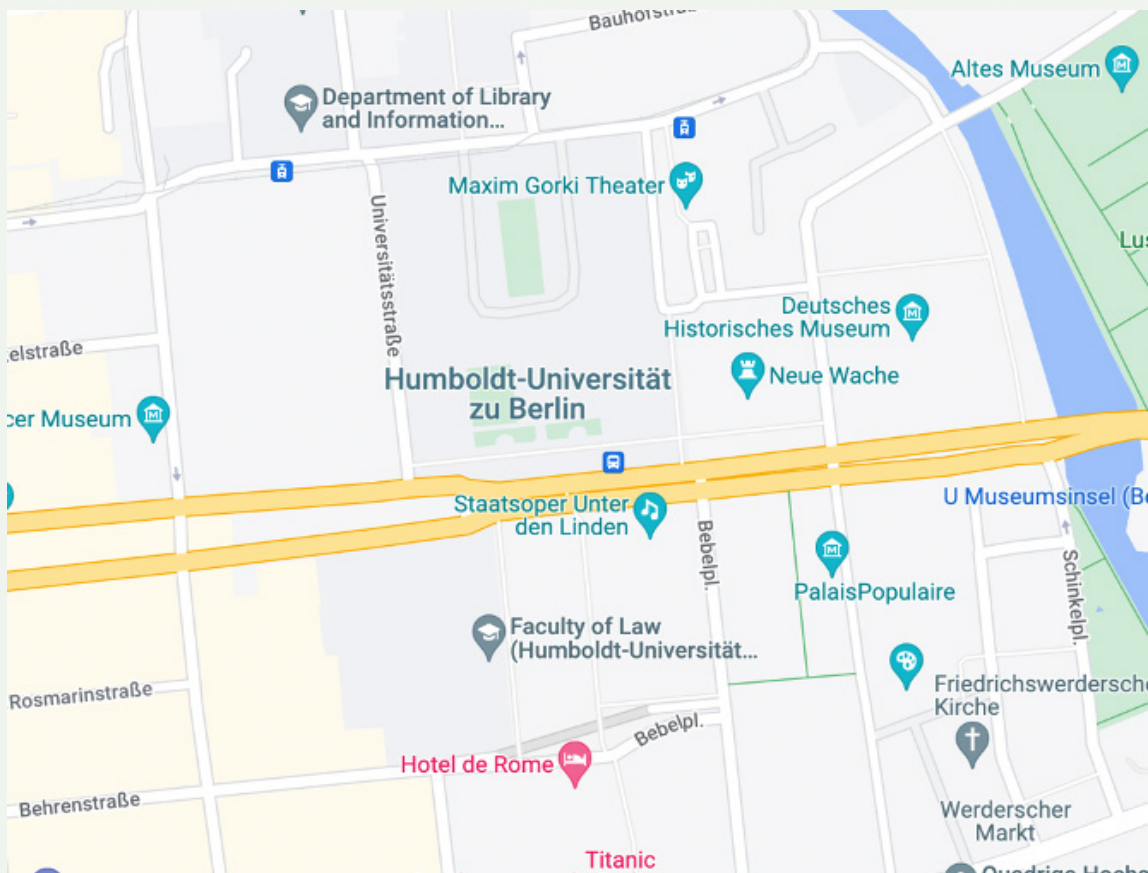
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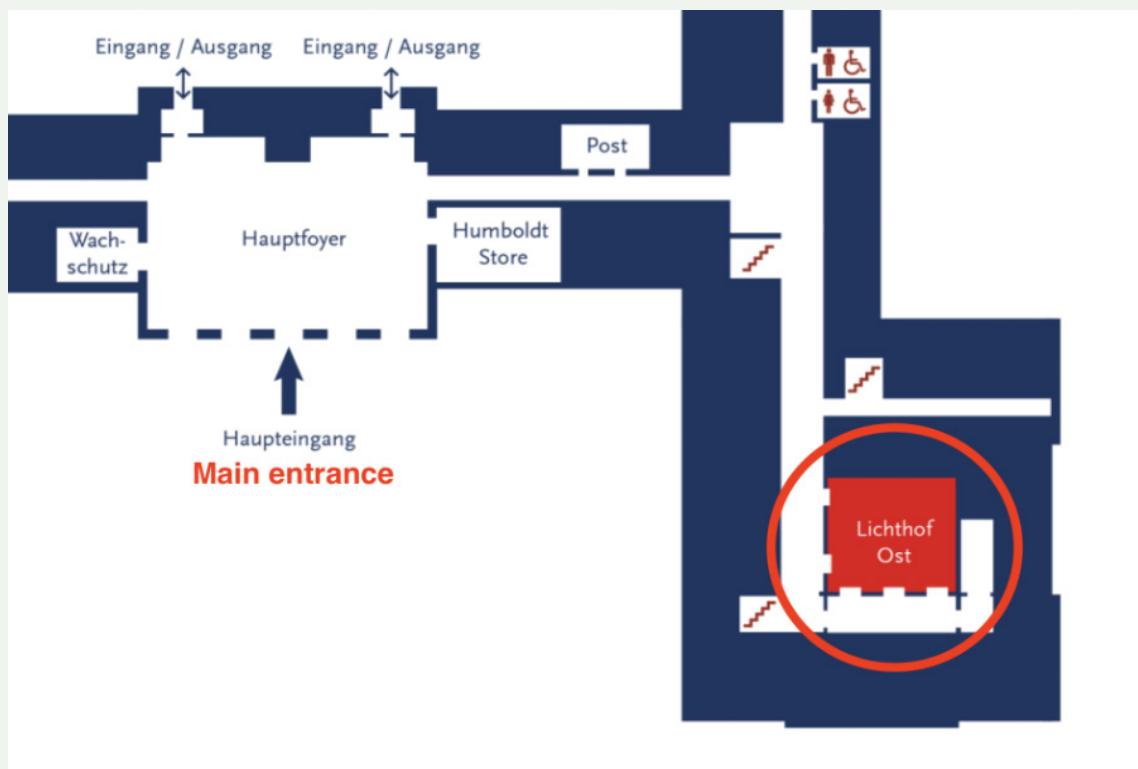
Venue Directions

The Global History Student Conference takes place at 2 locations. Registration and the Welcome Reception on Friday, June 7, will take place at the main campus “Hauptgebäude” of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, located in Berlin-Mitte (Unter den Linden 6). Registration and welcoming reception take place in the Lichthof (Ost). Signs in the building will be posted to help with locating the room.

There are many ways to arrive at the Humboldt campus. Bus lines 100 and 300 will take you directly in front of the building (stop “Staatsoper”). The nearest metro lines are the U5 and U6, with the building lying between the stops “Unter den Linden” (U5 & U6) and “Museumsinsel” (U5). You can also take the overground train (the S-bahn) to the station Friedrichstraße, where the Humboldt building is 7 minutes away on foot. Another option would be taking the tram lines 12 (stop “Am Kupfergraben”) and M1 (stop “Universitätsstr.”) to the building.



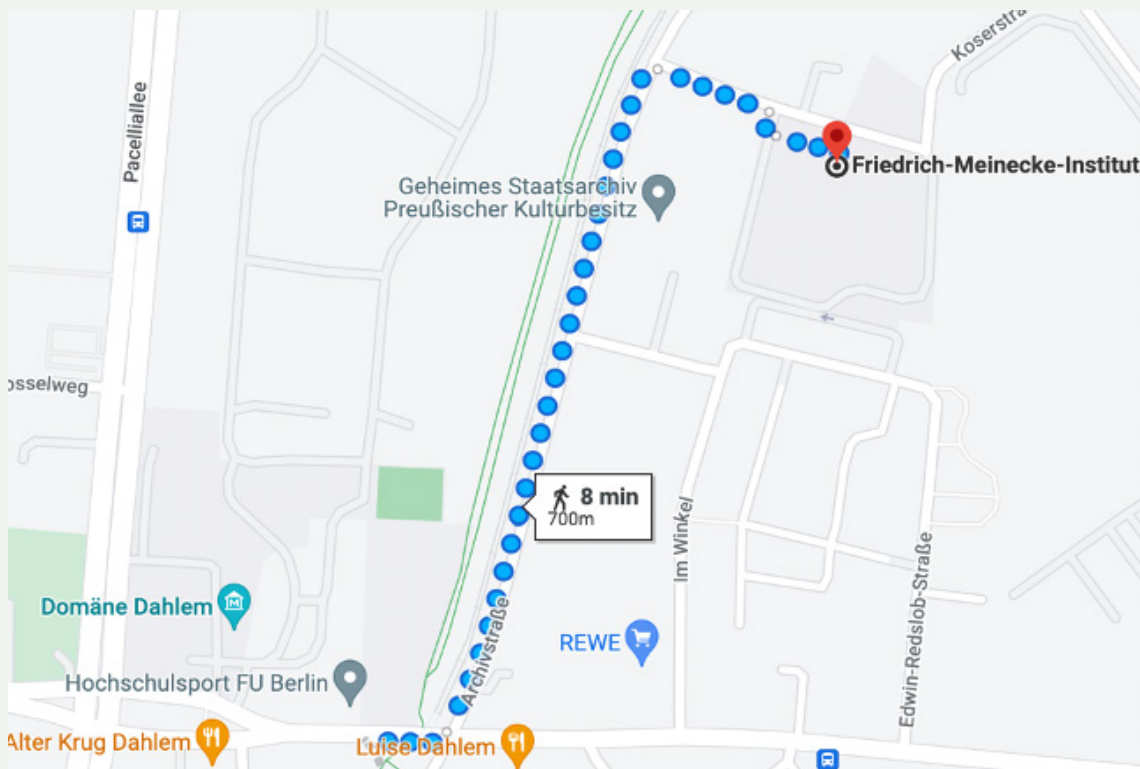
The room is located at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



The reception room is on the right of the building.

The main conference on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, will occur at the Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut of the Freie Universität Berlin. The institute is located at Koserstraße 20 in Berlin-Dahlem. The conference rooms (A121, A124, A127) are on the first floor.

The nearest metro station is “Dahlem-Dorf” (metro U3 and buses M11 and X83). From Dahlem-Dorf, you must follow “Archivstraße” to “Koserstraße”. The Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut is the biggest building on the right-hand side of the street. The conference rooms are on the first floor, to the left of the staircases.



If you are still looking for directions on the conference day, please don't hesitate to contact your panel chairs immediately.

Public Transport in Berlin

Conference Venue

The Global History Student Conference will take place in two locations. The Welcome Reception on June 7 is at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Unter den Linden 6, 10017). The building lies between the metro stations “Unter den Linden” (lines U5 & U6) and “Museumsinsel” (line U5), the overground train station “Friedrichstraße” (lines S1, 2, 25, 26, 3, 5, 7 and 9), the bus stop “Staatsoper” (lines 100 & 300) and the tram stops “Am Kupfergraben” (line 12) and “Universitätsstr.” (line M1). The Conference takes place at the Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut of the Freie Universität Berlin (Koserstr. 20, 14195), on June 8-9. The nearest metro station is “Dahlem-Dorf” (metro U3 and buses M11 and X83).

For more detailed information about how to get to the conference venue, please visit the official website of the BVG, the public transit authority of Berlin: <http://www.bvg.de/en>.

The BVG also provides apps about ticket and transport information in Berlin:
<https://www.bvg.de/en/subscriptions-and-tickets/all-apps>

Rates and Areas

There are three different rates in the metropolitan area of Berlin:

“A” refers to the city centre (inside the circle formed by the “S-Bahn” lines S41 and S42).

“B” refers to the area inside Berlin, but outside the inner circle.

“C” refers to the areas outside the administrative area of Berlin.

Berlin-Dahlem and Berlin-Mitte, where the conference will take place, are in the AB area. The Berlin-Brandenburg Airport is in the C area; when travelling to and from the airport, make sure you also have a [ticket valid for the C area](#)!

Rates for the Public Transport

The rate for a one-way ticket is 3,50 € for the areas AB (valid for 2 hours in one direction. Interruptions are allowed. It is not permitted to travel circle-wise) and 4,40 € for ABC. A day ticket (valid for 24 hours from the time of validation) for the areas AB is 9,90 €; for the ABC area is 11,40 €.

You can buy tickets:

- at the ticket machines and customer centres in all metro and train stations,
- using the official BVG Ticket-App
- or directly on the bus or tram.

It is not possible to buy tickets on the trains. You can pay for tickets by card or in cash. You must have a valid ticket **before boarding the train; it is impossible to buy a ticket once you are already on board!** (it is considered invalid by ticket checkers)

Important Notice

All tickets must be validated at a ticket stamper before your first trip. Travelling without a ticket or without having validated your ticket may result in a **fine of 60 €**. The Global History Student Conference accepts no liability if you fail to purchase or incorrectly validate the appropriate ticket for your journey.

Panels

Labour in a (Post)Colonial World

Panel 1 — Room A121, Saturday, June 8, 10:30-13:00

Chairs: Willow Allen and Gunther Kietzer

Presentations:

Ben Vigne, University of Cape Town:

Viscosities of the Ground: Labour Migration and Remittances in Ovamboland (1920-1954)

Maria Munch, University of Glasgow:

Tracing African-Asian Diaspora through Fugitive and Work-Related Ads: Race, Slavery, and Unfreedom in Copenhagen (1759-1854)

Sharon Yanling Feng, University of Hong Kong:

Prostitution and Female Entrepreneurship from a Transnational Perspective (1850s-1930s)

André Ribeiro Fernandes, University of Minho:

“Dear Brother in Arms”: The Transcontinental Networks of the National Union of Angolan Workers Across Postcolonial and Socialist Geographies of Solidarity (1960-1965)

Global Histories of Science

Panel 2 — Room A124, Saturday, June 8, 10:30-13:00

Chairs: José Guzman and Kieran Isaacs

Presentations:

Mariana Ladrón de Guevara Zuzunaga, Pablo de Olavide University, Sevilla:

A Transnational Experience of Medicine: Doctor Matías de Porres and the Communication of Indigenous Medicine in the Andes

Abdud-Dayyaan Badroodien, University of Cape Town:

Race and Evolutionism in 19th-Century Science: The Philological Invention of the Bantu Language Family in South Africa (1850s-1870s)

Xiaoping Xue, Tsinghua University:

Between Local and Global: The Entangled History of Qingdao Observatory in Germany, Japan, and China (1898-1930s)

Lars Dickmann, University of Heidelberg:

Swiss Entomologists and Their Role in Insect Control in the Dutch East Indies

Global Networks and Encounters in Christianity

Panel 3 — Room A121, Saturday, June 8, 14:15-16:45

Chairs: Lucca Di Virgilio and Oliver Ryan

Presentations:

Eden Swimer, University of Edinburgh:

Self-Missions: Scottish Presbyterian Adventures in the Holy Land (1884-1929)

Junling Hou, Renmin University of China:

Missionising and Racial Uplift: Susie Wiseman Yergan's Journey to South Africa (1920-1940)

Alex Levine, University of California, Los Angeles:

A Sacred Trust: Protestant Missionary Societies and the League of Nations

Vera Sahakyan, Mesrop Mashtots Research Institute of Ancient Manuscripts:

Mapping Ottoman Struggles: Insights from 8,000 Handwritten Letters to Mkrtich I Krimian

Individuals and Institutions

Panel 4 — Room A124, Saturday, June 8, 14:15-16:45

Chairs: Miguel Cadórniga Martínez and Somer Mengqing Zhang

Presentations:

Rebecca Ferreira Dias, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon:

International Cooperation and Criminal Networks: The Alves Reis Case and the Fight against Counterfeiting in Interwar Europe

Anna Correau, École Normale Supérieure:

From “Cultural Revolution” to “Global 68”? Chadian Youths in Movement(s) (1964-1975)

Alexander Toby Wolf, University of Potsdam:

Between Distant Looks and Fiery Participation: Hitler Youth and Japan

Phyllis Chan, University of Bristol:

A “Balance of Probabilities”: Investigating Claims of British Nationality in Hong Kong (1945-1962)

Negotiating Borders, Networks and Identities

Panel 5 — Room A121, Sunday, June 9, 10:30-13:00

Chairs: Seth Crosland and Piotr Kardynal

Presentations:

Thahir Jamal Kiliyamannil, University of Hyderabad:

Against Enclosures: Sovereign Networks in Indian Ocean

Hao Chen, University of Virginia:

Transnational Motherland: The “Ethnic Korean” Question and the Making of the Chinese-North Korean Border (1945-1962)

Katharina Föger, University of Leipzig:

Bordering Mobility: A Study of UNIP's Regulatory Practices in the Mbeya Office, Tanganyika (1961-1963)

Lennart Vincent Schmidt, University of Potsdam:

Digital Borders and the Birth of a Digital Migration System in Germany from the late 1960s to the early 21st Century

Tales of Media, Propaganda and Imagination

Panel 6 — Room A124, Sunday, June 9, 10:30-13:00

Chairs: Jack Drummond and Evan Liddle

Presentations:

Sumaira Nawaz, McGill University:

Reform Unbound: World-Play in Afghanistan's Sirāj-ul Aḥbār (1911-1919)

Tracy Cheuk Sze Lo, King's College London:

The Japanese Excalibur: A Glimpse of Arthurianism in 20th-Century Japan from “Kairo-ko”

Siyue Liu, University of Turku:

The Prism of Propaganda: China's Diplomatic Narratives in the Early Cold War Era

Nicolas Allen, State University of New York, Stony Brook:

The Authentic Brazilian Sound: American Record Labels, Multinationalism and the Vargas Era (1920s-1940s)

Power, Control, and Women's Bodies

Panel 7 — Room A121, Sunday, June 9, 14:15-16:45

Chairs: Carla Schmidt and Margaret Slevin

Presentations:

Zaza Jung, Free University and Humboldt University of Berlin:

The Prostitute's Body in the Ploss Compendium (1884)

Vipin Kumar, Banaras Hindu University:

Floods, Sexual Exploitation, and Women's Songs from Colonial Eastern India

Charmain Chan, University of Hong Kong:

Unraveling the Lippes Loop: Power, Gender and Geopolitics in Cold War Taiwan

Sanmeet Kaur, University College London:

The 1979 Heathrow "Virginity Testing" Scandal: Experiences of South Asian Women in Postwar Britain

Transcultural Mobilities and Identities

Panel 8 — Room A124, Sunday, June 9, 14:15-16:45

Chairs: Lukas Jung and Aditya Sah

Presentations:

Nilab Saeedi, Austrian Academy of Sciences and Ibn Haldun University:

Journeys of Faith and Intellect: A Scholar in the Troubled Tapestry of
16th-Century Islamic Empires

Sambid Verma, Jawaharlal Nehru University:

A Woman Goes Abroad: Locating Transgressions, Colonial Subjectivity and
Transnational Interactions in Hardevi's Travelogues

Shuvatri Dasgupta, University of Cambridge:

Divorce, Debt, and Global Capitalism: Tracking a Marriage across the Indian Ocean (c.
1900-1920)

Wanrui Chen, Free University of Berlin and Peking University:

Negotiating the Federal Republic of Germany: African Educational Mobilities in the
1960s

Student Salon

Room A127, June 8, Saturday, 17:00 - 18:30

Organisers:

Hannah Jane Casey, Evan Liddle, Margaret Slevin, Sarah Wulbrecht and Somer Zhang

A salon-style event for students to share their views and experiences in a more informal setting after the day's panel discussions. Light refreshments will be available at the event. Our organisers will help facilitate discussions in small groups and give attendees the opportunity to openly discuss issues students face in academia. Through the conversation, we hope that students will be able to exchange ideas and experiences, and contribute towards forming a supportive community of historians.

Last year's discussions involved the themes of inequality and inclusivity. The organisers raised problems people face in their academic lives and discussed potential solutions or ways to move forward. Following in this year's salon discussion, the theme will revolve around the spectrum of forms student resistance can take within academia.

Our organisers are MA students in Global History at the Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. They strive to help create a more inclusive environment within academia.

Disclaimer

The group aims to provide a safe space for everyone, and there is a **zero-tolerance policy** towards any disrespectful behaviour and hate speech.