

TOPIC

The conference will examine two main topics of the new Transdisciplinary Research Area (TRA) *Past Worlds and Modern Questions*, namely cultural intangible heritage and communication, focusing especially on the inter-relations between the two. Current questions addressing past cultural, political, social and economic constellations will be analyzed in broad geographical and historical perspectives. The conference aims to overcome the canonical timeline anchored in Eurocentric history, which affects in particular two areas of investigation: On the one hand, the area of museum studies, which has been transformed in recent decades by new methods of thinking about and doing museum work; on the other hand, concepts of understanding communication as a historical process of transfer which took place in the course of the so-called premodern age.

In this context, social functions, the meaning of present and historical representations, methods and objectivations of cultural memory can be grasped both in their specific regional context and as parts of global interdependencies that were or are shaped by colonial power relations. Collections and museums dealing with post-colonial issues can function as places where these issues may be both discussed and directly applied.

Therefore, this conference aims to address issues of provenance and restitution, as well as current and past forms of intangible material cultural heritage in communication through space and time which alludes the interaction between past worlds and modern questions.

VENUE

JUNE 2, 9.15 AM - JUNE 3, 2.30 PM

Zoom - Video Conferencing:
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Transdisciplinary Research Area
**PAST WORLDS AND MODERN QUESTIONS: CULTURES
ACROSS TIME AND SPACE**

led by
Prof. Dr. Matthias Becher
Prof. Dr. Karoline Noack

REGISTRATION & CONTACT

REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED UNTIL MAY 28

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See also:
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Past Worlds across Time and Space -

**GRASPING THE TRANSCENDENCE OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE AND COMMUNICATION**



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**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 2 - 3, 2020**

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TUESDAY - JUNE 2, 2020

9.15 AM Welcoming Address
Prof. Dr. Volker Kronenberg
Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy / University of Bonn

9.25 AM Presentation & Introduction
Prof. Dr. Matthias Becher
Prof. Dr. Karoline Noack
TRA Past Worlds and Modern Questions / University of Bonn

9.30 AM PANEL 1, hosted by:
Prof. Dr. Ove Sutter
Zentrum für Kulturwissenschaft / University of Bonn
Prof. Dr. Karoline Noack
TRA Past Worlds and Modern Questions / University of Bonn

9.35 AM Indigenous Heritage Practice. Contentious
Uses of the Past and Local Indigenous
Communities' Responses
Dr. Manuel May Castillo
LMU München

9.55 AM Medieval Communication between Time and
Space. Transcultural and Intercultural
Approaches
Prof. Dr. Florian Hartmann
RWTH Aachen University

10.15 AM From One to God. Pagan Thought and
Abrahamic Traditions - A Case Study
Prof. Dr. Dragos Gheorghe Calma
University College Dublin

10.35 AM Comments on Contributions Panel 1
10.40 AM Questions & Answers Panel 1

11.00 - 1.00 PM *Lunch Break*

TUESDAY - JUNE 2, 2020

1.00 PM PANEL 2, hosted by:
Prof. Dr. Birgit Ulrike Münch
TRA Past Worlds and Modern Questions / University of Bonn
Prof. Dr. Matthias Becher
TRA Past Worlds and Modern Questions / University of Bonn

1.05 PM Charis - Gift - Grace. Historical, Cultural and
Social Dimensions of a Complex Concept
Prof. Dr. Sabine Mainberger
Prof. Dr. Christian Moser
University of Bonn

1.25 PM Measuring Medieval User's Responses to
Manuscripts. Cultural History and New
Technological Approaches
Prof. Dr. Kathryn M. Rudy
University of St. Andrews

1.45 PM Moctezuma's Daughter Isabel. Race, Class
and Gender from the European and the
Aztec Perspective
PD. Dr. Stefan Feddern
Kiel University

2.05 PM Comments on Contributions Panel 2
2.10 PM Questions & Answers Panel 2

2.30 - 2.35 PM *Conclusion Day 1*

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 3, 2020

9.15 AM Conclusion Day 1 & Lookout Day 2
Prof. Dr. Matthias Becher
Prof. Dr. Karoline Noack
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9.30 AM PANEL 3, hosted by:
Prof. Dr. Christoph Antweiler
Zentrum für Kulturwissenschaft / University of Bonn
Dr. Duane Jethro
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

9.35 AM Taking their Heritage in their Hands.
Indigenous Claims to Museums and
Archaeology in Chile.
PH. D. Patricia Ayala Rocabado
Universidad Católica del Norte de Chile

9.55 AM Museum Collections as Mediators of
Relationship. From Digital Exchange to
Restitution of Agency
Dr. Andrea Scholz
Ethnological Museum of Berlin

10.15 AM Intangible Cultural Heritage in Museums.
Between Past and Future Presenting
Dr. Sophie Elpers
Meertens Institute, Amsterdam

10.35 AM Comments on Contributions Panel 3
10.40 AM Questions & Answers Panel 3

11.00 - 1.00 PM *Lunch Break*

**1.00 PM -
2.30 PM CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**