



Area Studies vs. Global History?

Workshop, 22.09.2016-23.09.2016

In the past two decades, Global History has boomed, as seen in new research projects, study programmes, and institutions. Global History is hailed by some as a welcome escape from “national containers” that seemed to circumscribe large parts of mainstream historiography. Instead, entanglements and comparisons across countries, areas, and continents, have moved to the centre. However, such developments have also been regarded with skepticism, which is often expressed in terms of an antagonism between “older” Area Studies, highlighting local specificity and expertise, and the new global approaches. The workshop aims at discussing the relationships between Area Studies, Global History/Studies, and traditional academic disciplines. What are the major differences? What are the potentials, but also the possible limitations of the different approaches? The first session of the workshop (22.09) consists of a roundtable, followed by an open discussion. The second session (23.09) is intended for M.A. and PhD students with an interest in debating these questions on the basis of pre-circulated texts. In addition, participants are invited to give a short input in which they discuss the texts in relation to their ongoing M.A./PhD research projects.

Organized by Julia Tischler (Basel), Assistant Professor of African History

Th. 22.09.2016, 6.15-7.45 pm: Department of History, Hirschgässlein 21, Seminar room 1

Roundtable: Madeleine Herren (Basel), Director of the Institute for European Global Studies; Benjamin Schenk (Basel), Professor of Eastern European History; Martin Dusinberre (Zurich), Professor for Global History; Gregor Dobler (Freiburg), Professor for Social and Cultural Anthropology

Fr. 23.09.2016, 9.15 am-12.30pm: Alte Universität, Rheinsprung 9, Seminar room 201

Workshop for M.A. and PhD students with Julia Tischler (Basel) and Martin Dusinberre (Zurich)

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