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CONFERENCE

HELPLESS IMPERIALISTS. IMPERIAL FAILURE, RADICALIZATION, AND VIOLENCE

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

(FRIAS, Albertstraße 19)

19.15

Keynote: Isabel V. Hull
(Cornell University)
Strategies of Weakness

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

(Haus zur Lieben Hand,
Löwenstraße 16)

9.00

Introduction:
**Maurus Reinkowski &
Gregor Thum**

CONSTELLATIONS

Moderation: Kathleen Canning
(FRIAS/University of Michigan)

9.30 – 13.00

Frederick Cooper
(New York University)
Seizing the Moment: Demanding
Equality in French Africa

HELPLESS HELPERS

Claire Marynower
(Sciences Po Paris)
Socialists in Algeria (1919–1962):
Helpless Reformers?

Botakoz Kassymbekova
(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
Helpless Imperialists: European
'Developers' in Central Asia in
the 1920s and 1930s

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

IMPERIAL VIOLENCE AND ITS VIOLENT ALTERNATIVES

Iain Smith
(University of Warwick) &
Andreas Stucki (Universität Bern)
The Colonial Development of
Concentration Camps
(1895–1908)

Eric D. Weitz
(University of Minnesota)
Imperial Dilemmas and the Great
Partitions: The Case of Rwanda/
Burundi

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REPRESENTATIONS

Moderation:
Chris Lorenz (FRIAS/
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

15.00 – 18.30

Eva Bischoff (Universität Bonn)
 „Wollüstige Grausamkeit.“
 Male Self-Control and the Loss of
 Colonial Rule

Thoralf Klein (Universität Erfurt)
 Insecurities of Imperialism.
 The Siege of Beijing and Its
 Aftermath in the „Western“ Press,
 Summer 1900

Kim Wagner
 (University of Edinburgh)
 Intelligence Failure and the
 Paranoid Style in Colonial India

16.45 – 17.15 *Coffee break*

Jaine Chemmachery
 (Université Rennes 2)
 The Representation of Imperialist
 Characters in Somerset Maugham's
 and Rudyard Kipling's Short Stories
 on Empire

Sandra Maß
 (FRIAS/Universität Bielefeld)
 Male Hero or Psychotic Coloni-
 alist? Remembering the War in
 German East Africa (1914–1918)
 in the Weimar Republic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

(Haus zur Lieben Hand,
 Löwenstraße 16)

AGENTS

Moderation: **Christian Gerlach**
 (Universität Bern)

GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS

9.30 – 13.00

Ulrike Freitag
 (Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin)
 Helpless Representatives of the
 Great Powers: Western Consuls in
 Jeddah in the 19th Century

Dierk Walter (Hamburger Institut für
 Sozialforschung)
 Why Imperial Armies Are (at Times)
 Defeated by „Savages.“ Six Case
 Studies

Daniel Joseph Walther
 (Wartburg College)
 Sex and Control: Venereal Disease
 and the Medical Profession in
 Germany's Colonies, 1884–1914

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

Marie Anna Muschalek
 (Cornell University)
 „The Thin Blue Line?“ Policing
 German Southwest Africa,
 1905–1918

Martin Thomas (Exeter University)
 Communal Policing, Policing Work,
 or Intelligence Gathering?
 A Sociology of the Colonial
 Gendarmerie in French North
 Africa, 1918–1945

INDIVIDUALS

15.00 – 16.15

Michael Pesek
 (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
 Richard Kandt or the Lonely
 Imperialist: The Making of Colonial
 Politics at the Very Periphery
 of Empire

Christoph Kamissek
 (European University Institute)
 Individual Frustration or Profession-
 al Learning? The Path of General
 Lothar von Trotha from Dares-Salam
 to the Waterberg, 1894–1904

16.15 – 16.45 *Coffee Break*

CONCLUDING COMMENTS AND FINAL DISCUSSION

16.45 – 18.00

Andreas Eckert
 (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) &
Jörn Leonhard
 (FRIAS/Universität Freiburg)

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