

Content and Goal of the Conference

The field of Atlantic History still suffers from notable blind spots. While the western and northern European “seaborne empires” have been thoroughly investigated as the initiators of and the driving force behind European expansion, the “peripheries” of the Atlantic world remain poorly researched and inadequately integrated into this narrative. This has led to a lopsided view of the early modern world and indeed, of the development of modernity. This historiographical narrative also reinforces ideas of western “development” and eastern “backwardness” that have become ever more dominant since the 19th century and were fortified by the Cold War and its aftermath. Historiography has thus actively contributed to the construction of centers and peripheries. This conference attempts to challenge this established narrative by approaching the Atlantic World from its presumed “peripheries”.

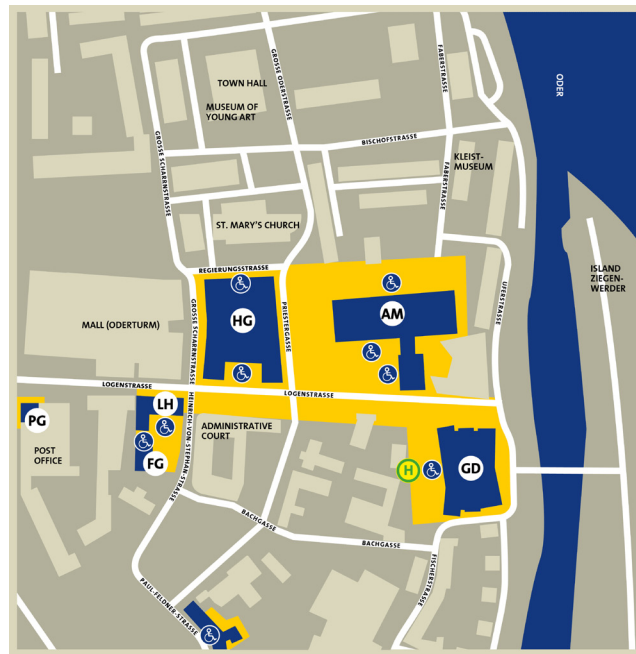
The conference marks the conclusion of the research project “The Globalized Periphery: Atlantic Commerce, Socioeconomic and Cultural Change in Central Europe (1680-1850)” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) from January 2015 to December 2018. It will take place in Frankfurt (Oder), on the German-Polish border, in accordance with one of the leading missions of the European University Viadrina and of the research project: bridging the East-West divide within Europe.

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Location of the Conference

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- AM** AUDITORIUM MAXIMUM
- GD** GRÄFIN-DÖNHOF-BUILDING (GRÄFIN-DÖNHOF-GEBÄUDE)
- PG** POSTAL BUILDING (POSTGEBÄUDE)
- LH** LOGENHAUS
- FG** FACEWALL BUILDING (FACEWALL-GEBÄUDE)



GLOBALIZED PERIPHERIES

NEW APPROACHES TO THE ATLANTIC WORLD
1680-1850

JULY 5TH-7TH 2018, FRANKFURT (ODER)

Day 1 (Thursday, July 5th)

15:30-16:00

Welcome by the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences and the Organizing Team

16:00-17:00

Keynote 1: Göran Rydén (Uppsala)

Connecting Metal-making Hinterlands in the 18th Century: Sweden and West Africa Chained Together in Slavery.

17:30-19:00

PRUSSIAN AND RUSSIAN ATLANTICS

Chair: **Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/O.)**

Bernhard Struck (St Andrews)

Did Prussia have an Atlantic History? The Partitions of Poland-Lithuania and the French Colonization of Guiana, c. 1760-1790s

Jutta Wimpler (Frankfurt/O.)

Prussia's New Gate to the World? Stettin's Overseas Imports after 1720 and Prussia's Rise to Power

Felicia Gottmann (Newcastle upon Tyne)

Prussia all at Sea: The 1750s Prussian East India Companies

Pavel Demchenko (St. Petersburg)

Skippers between the Baltic and the Atlantic: 18th-century Trade Routes and Networks between "East" and "West"

19:00

Reception

Day 2 (Friday, July 6th)

9:00-10:30

CENTRAL EUROPEAN MERCHANTS WITHIN THE ATLANTIC WORLD

Chair: **José da Silva Horta (Lisbon)**

Anne Sophie Overkamp (Bayreuth)

A Cartel on the Periphery - Wupper Valley Merchants and their Strategies in Atlantic Trade

Margrit Schulte Beerbühl (Düsseldorf)

Merchants from the Dukedom of Berg and Westphalia and their Global Networks in the 18th Century

Torsten dos Santos Arnold (Frankfurt/O.)

Atlantic Sugar and Central Europe - Hamburg's Sugar Importers and their Trade with Bordeaux and Lisbon, 1733-1798

11:00-11:45

THE AUSTRIAN HABSBURG EMPIRE AT SEA

Chair: **Kim Siebenhüner (Jena)**

Klemens Kaps (Vienna)

A Gateway to the Spanish Atlantic? The Habsburg Port City of Trieste as Intermediary in Commodity Flows between the Habsburg Monarchy and Spain in the 18th Century

Daniele Andreozzi (Trieste)

Segmental Merchants. Mercantile Practices and Mercantilism between Trieste, Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean in the 18th Century

12:00-13:00

Keynote 2: Mary Jo Maynes (Minneapolis, MN)

Re/Production on the Periphery: Gender and Work in the Context of Early Modern Globalization

14:30-16:00

PERIPHERIES OF THE SOUTHERN SPANISH HEMISPHERE

Chair: **José da Silva Horta (Lisbon)**

Martin Biersack (Munich)

Smugglers, Spies and Insurgents - Clandestine Networks on the Fringe of the Atlantic World

Neal D. Polhemus (Columbia, SC)

"Sucking the English Assiento and Assientists Blood Daily": The Assiento and the Slave Trade in the South Atlantic, 1715-1740

Brett Spencer (New Orleans, LA)

From Outpost to Enclave: Migration and the Lumber Trade in Caribbean Central America

16:30-17:15

METHODS AND THEORIES

Chair: **Andreas Bähr (Frankfurt/O.)**

Agata Bloch (Warsaw)

The Strength of Weak Colonial Ties: The Atlantic Peripheries as a Driver of Metropolitan Changes

Isabelle Thomas (Bamberg)

Peripheries Producing Peripheries: The Impact of the Classical Liberalism of Immanuel Kant and Adam Smith

Day 3 (Saturday, July 7th)

9:00-10:30

OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN "GERMANY" AND "AMERICA"

Chair: **Reinhard Blänkner (Frankfurt/O.)**

Alexandra Gittermann (Hamburg)

German Emigrants as a Commercial Commodity in the 18th-century Atlantic

Josef Köstlbauer (Bremen)

Ambiguous Passages: Non-Europeans brought to Europe by the Moravian Brethren during the 18th Century

David K. Thomson (Fairfield, CT)

Reorienting Atlantic World Capitalism: America and the German States

11:00-12:30

"PERIPHERAL" COMMODITIES ON THE MOVE

Chair: **John Styles (Hertfordshire)**

Chris Evans (Pontypridd)

'Negro Cloth': Clothing the Enslaved in Britain's 18th-century Empire

Anka Steffen (Frankfurt/O.)

A Fierce Competition! Silesian Linens and Indian Cottons at the West-African Coast in the Late 17th and Early 18th Centuries

Simon Füchtenschnieder (Bielefeld)

Between Mutiny and Success at the Second Attempt: Transferring the Breadfruit from Tahiti to the West Indies and to St. Helena

12:30-13:00

Concluding Remarks and Goodbye

Coffee and tea will be served.