

Interdisciplinary Conference

The Department of Ancient History, and Transcultural Anglophone Studies
Saarland University, Saarbruecken, Germany

Games of Empires

*Historio-Cultural Features of Imperial and
Transcultural Board Games*



21st to 23rd April 2016

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Conference Convenors

Martina Ghosh-Schellhorn & Heinrich Schlange-Schöningen

Conference Schedule

Thursday, 21 April 2016

13:00	Registration/ Information Desk (Campus B 3.1, R. 0.11)
14:15 – 14: 45	Welcome Addresses Prof. Dr. Astrid Fellner, Vice President for European and International Relations Prof. Dr. Brigitte Kasten, Dean of Faculty III- Humanities I & Prof. Dr. Dietrich Klakow, Dean of Faculty IV – Humanities II Introductory Remarks Prof. Dr. Ghosh-Schellhorn & Prof. Dr. Schlange-Schöningen
Section I: Board Games in Transcultural Perspective Chair: Ghosh-Schellhorn/Schenkel	
14:45 – 15:45	Keynote Lecture: Representations of Games in Literature Prof. Dr. Elmar Schenkel, Institute of British Studies, University of Leipzig
15:45 – 16:15	<i>No Game of Chess</i> : Rewriting the <i>Domino-Theory</i> across the Americas Dr. Saskia Schabio, American Studies, University of Stuttgart
16:15 – 16: 45	Word Chess. Poetry Across Two Languages Prof. Dr. Rahul Peter Das, Languages and Cultures of post-classical South Asia, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
16: 45 – 17:15	Discussion
18: 00 – 19: 30	Opening of the exhibition <i>Der erste Weltkrieg im Spiel</i> Saarland University and State Library (SULB) Words of Welcome Prof. Dr. Volker Linneweber - President of Saarland University Heimatfront Küchentisch: Brett- und Kartenspiele 1914-1918 PD Dr. Ulrich Schädler, Director of the Swiss Games Museum, La Tour-de-Peilz

Friday, 22 April 2016

Section II: The Function and Meaning of Board Games from the Roman Empire to Early Modern Times

Chair: Schlange-Schöningen

9:00 – 9:30	<i>Mḥn, πίναξ, tabula</i> – Spiele der Alten Welt. Ein archäologischer Überblick Thomas Martin, Museum of Prehistory and Early History, Saarbrücken
9:30 – 10: 00	<i>Ludere nescis – idiota recede-</i> Zur Funktion von Brettspielen im öffentlichen Raum Dr. Karen Aydin, Department of Ancient History, Saarland University
10: 00 – 10: 30	Das Brettspiel im heidnisch-christlichen Diskurs der Spätantike Dr. Mario Ziegler, Department of Ancient History, Saarland University
10: 30 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break
11: 20 – 11: 50	Brettspiele auf der frühneuzeitlichen englischen Bühne Prof. Dr. Joachim Frenk, British Literary and Cultural Studies, Saarland University
11: 50 – 12: 20	Macht das Spiel den Herrscher? Brettspiele als höfische <i>probitas</i> Dr. des. Sophie Caflisch, Department of History, University of Zurich
12: 20 – 12:50	Discussion
13:00 – 14: 30	Lunch Break

Section III: Cultural Discourses - Representation of Otherness in Board Games

Chair: Schädler

14: 30 – 15: 00	Games of Empires - Games for Empires - Spiele im British Empire und in Frankreich in der Frühen Neuzeit Ass. Prof. Dr. Rainer Buland, Institute for Game Research, Mozarteum Salzburg
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15:00 – 15:30	Playing the Turk: Early Modern Board Games and Playing Cards in Europe as a Counterargument to History Fatih Parlak, Humanidades, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
15: 30 – 16: 00	Spielbare Landkarten. Zum Design und zur politische Funktion von Laufspielen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ernst Strouhal, University of Applied Arts, Vienna
16:00 – 16:30	Discussion
16:30 – 16:50	Coffee Break
Section IV: Cultural Discourses: The Case of China <i>Chair: Buland</i>	
16:50 – 17: 20	Schachspiele Made in China - Kulturtransfer oder Chinoiserie? Em. Prof. Dr. Hans Holländer, Department of Art History, RWTH Aachen
17: 20 – 17: 50	The German Kriegsspiel in China Dr. des. Nicolas Schillinger, Seminar of East Asian Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
17: 50 – 18:20	Discussion

Saturday, 23 April 2016

Section V: Contemporary Developments in Germany: Board Games Today

Chair: Ghosh-Schellhorn

9: 00 – 10:00	Keynote Lecture: Mit Regeln spielen. Überlegungen aus der Werkstatt eines Spielerfinders PD Dr. Steffen Bogen, Art and Media Studies, Konstanz
10: 00 – 10: 30	The Impact of the Award <i>Spiel des Jahres</i> on the Development of the Market for Board Games in Germany Tom Werneck, Bavarian Games Archive Haar
10: 30 – 11:00	Discussion
11: 00 – 11: 20	Coffee Break

Section VI: Resisting Games: Cultural Paradigms

Chair: Schlange-Schöningen

11: 20 – 11:50	Zeitvertreib und Widerstand: Walter und Georg Benjamins Schachpraxis Em. Prof. Dr. Bernd-Peter Lange, British Literary and Cultural Studies, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg
11:50 – 12: 20	All Part of the Game? Satyajit Ray's <i>The Chess Players</i> in Transcultural Perspective Prof. Dr. Martina Ghosh-Schellhorn, Transcultural Anglophone Studies, Saarland University
12: 20 – 12: 50	Discussion
12 :50	Outlook and Valedictory