

Transnational Research in a Multipolar World

International Conference of the Max Weber Foundation

Parallel Session

'Research Positions in the Triangle Middle East – Japan – Germany'

May 9, 9:00 – 12:00am

Part 1

9.00 – 10.00 Introduction and project presentations

The Orient Institute in Beirut: German Legacies and International Research Trajectories

Thomas Würtz (Orient Institut Beirut)

Japanese Perspectives of Studying Islam: Introducing the Project of /Islamic Trust Studies/

Hidemitsu Kuroki (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Director of Japanese Center for Middle East Studies (JACMES))

Failure of Area Studies and IR: how should scholars learn lessons from Invasion of Iraq?

Keiko Sakai (Chiba University, Graduate School of Social Sciences / Center for Relational Studies on Global Crises)

Ottoman Studies in Japan: Current State and Prospects

Jun Akiba (Tokyo University, Institute for Advanced Studies on South Asia)

The Orient Institut Istanbul: Interdisciplinary Turkish Studies Between Academic Fashions, the Need to Be Relevant and the Critical Potential of the Humanities

Christoph Neumann (Orient Institut Istanbul)

Academic (Un-)freedoms: The Palestine Exception and Epistemic Violence in the German Humanities

Jens Hanssen (Orient Institut Beirut)

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee Break

Part 2

11.00- 12.00 Discussion

Should the humanities be constructive?

Moderation: Claudia Derichs

Blue-Sky Discussion: Possible academic exchanges and research cooperation(s) between OIB, OII, and Japanese MENA Colleagues and the JACMES Centre in Beirut