

East Asia and West Asias:

Dialogues in Past, Present, and Future Worldmaking

Location: Historische Sternwarte, Geismar Landstraße 11, 37083 Göttingen

Day 1: Dec 5, 2025 (Friday)

09:45 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Opening and <i>Modern Asian Studies</i> Forum Launch Dominic Sachsenmaier, Janice Hyeju Jeong, and Mohammed Alsudairi
10:15 – 12:15	<p>Session 1 – Mobility and Circulations across China and West Asia</p> <p>Chair: Janice Hyeju Jeong</p> <p>Cao Yin (Peking University) <i>Indigenous Knowledge in Motion: The Shaanxi Mules, the Militarization of the Sufis, and the Panthay Exploration of Northern Burma</i></p> <p>Mohammed Alsudairi (Australian National University) <i>Yellow Peril with a Dash of Green: The Global Imagining of an Islamized China at the Turn of the Twentieth Century</i></p> <p>Wang Yuting (American University of Sharjah) <i>Migrants, Middlemen, and Mediators: Understanding Sino-Muslim Transnationalism in the Arab Gulf Region</i></p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 2 – East Asia as Islamic Asia – Trans-regional Horizons</p> <p>Chair: Mohammed Alsudairi</p> <p>Li Gang (FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg) <i>Politics of Orthodoxy, and Process of Othering: Esoteric Practices in the Case of Islamic Mysticism in China</i></p> <p>Selçuk Esenbel (Bogaziçi University) <i>The Tokyo Mosque and Mosques in Japan as Centers for Transnational Muslim Encounters in East Asia</i></p> <p>Janice Jeong (Simon Fraser University) <i>The Making of Transnational Islamic Networks in Cold War South Korea</i></p>

15:30 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:15	<i>Book Talk: Framing Islamic China as an Inter-asian Phenomenon</i> Rian Thum (Manchester University)

Day 2: Dec 6, 2025 (Saturday)

10:00 – 11:00	<i>Book Talk: Muslim Transnationalism in Modern China: Debates on Hui Identity and Islamic Reform</i> Hale Eroglu (Bogaziçi University)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:40	<p>Session 3 – The Question of the State</p> <p>Chair: Eric van den Bussche</p> <p>Hannah Theaker (University of Plymouth) <i>Making Islam Chinese: the Sinicisation of Islam in Hui Communities</i></p> <p>Hacer Gönül (Palacký University Olomouc) <i>Religious Interpretation as State Governance: The Role of the Jiejing Policy in China's Islamic Association</i></p>
12:40 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Roundtable – Gateways of Globalization in Chinese History</p> <p>Chair: Mohammed Alsudairi</p> <p>Zhang Xin (Indiana University) Jiang Zhengyang (Tsinghua University) Francois Gipouloux (CNRS Paris)</p>
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Roundtable – East Asia and the World</p> <p>Chair: Dominic Sachsenmaier</p> <p>Xu Guoqi (Hong Kong University) Zhang Ning (Oxford University) Eric van den Bussche (Tokyo University)</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Dominic Sachsenmaier, Janice Hyeju Jeong, and Mohammed Alsudairi</p>