

# 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)**

<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>OPENING AND <i>MODERN ASIAN STUDIES</i> FORUM LAUNCH D. SACHSENMAIER, M. ALSUDAIRI, J. JEONG</b>
<b>10:15 – 12:15</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – Mobility and Circulations across China and West Asia</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Kata Moser</b> (Göttingen University)</p> <p><b>Cao Yin</b> (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><b>Mohammed Alsudairi</b> (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><b>Wang Yuting</b> (American University of Sharjah) <i>Migrants, Middlemen, and Mediators: Understanding Sino-Muslim Transnationalism in the Arab Gulf Region</i></p>
<b>12:15 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>Session 2 – East Asia as Islamic Asia – Trans-regional Horizons</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Eva Orthmann</b> (Göttingen University)</p> <p><b>Li Gang</b> (FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg) <i>Politics of Orthodoxy, and Process of Othering: Esoteric Practices in the Case of Islamic Mysticism in China</i></p> <p><b>Selçuk Esenbel</b> (Bogaziçi University) <i>The Tokyo Mosque and Mosques in Japan as Centers for Transnational Muslim Encounters in East Asia</i></p> <p><b>Janice Jeong</b> (Simon Fraser University) <i>The Making of Transnational Islamic Networks in Cold War South Korea</i></p>
<b>15:30 – 16:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:15 – 17:15</b>	<p><b>Book Talk: <i>Framing Islamic China as an Inter-Asian Phenomenon</i></b> (Harvard UP)</p> <p>// <b>Rian Thum</b> (Manchester University)</p>

**Day 2: Dec 6, 2025 (Saturday)**

<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<b><i>Book Talk: Muslim Transnationalism in Modern China: Debates on Hui Identity and Islamic Reform</i></b> (Columbia UP, 2025) // <b>Hale Eroglu</b> (Bogaziçi University)
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:45 – 13:15</b>	<b>Session 3 – The Question of the State</b>  Chair: <b>Harlan Chambers</b> (Göttingen University)  <b>Hannah Theaker</b> (University of Plymouth) <i>Making Islam Chinese: the Sinicisation of Islam in Hui Communities</i>  <b>Hacer Gönül</b> (Palacký University Olomouc) <i>Religious Interpretation as State Governance: The Role of the Jiejing Policy in China's Islamic Association</i>
<b>13:15 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Roundtable – Gateways of Globalization in Chinese History</b>  Chair: <b>Henrike Rudolph</b> (Göttingen University)  <b>Zhang Xin</b> (Indiana University) <b>Jiang Zhengyang</b> (Tsinghua University) <b>Francois Gipouloux</b> (CNRS Paris)
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Roundtable – East Asia and the World</b>  Chair: <b>Dominic Sachsenmaier</b> (Göttingen University)  <b>Xu Guoqi</b> (Hong Kong University) <b>Zhang Ning</b> (Oxford University) <b>Eric van den Bussche</b> (Tokyo University)
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks //</b> Dominic Sachsenmaier, Janice Hyeju Jeong, and Mohammed Alsudairi
<b>General Discussants:</b> – Arzu Kaygusuz (Göttingen University) – Srirupa Roy (Göttingen University) – Jens-Peter Laut (Göttingen University) – Chu Sinan (GIGA)	