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The steel Galata Bridge after it had been built in 1913
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Day 1 - 21 September 2017

9.30 Opening and Welcome

10.00 – 12.00 Panel 1: Peripheral Urbanisms? (Semi-)Colonialism and Infrastructure around 1900

1. Robert Heinze, *Urban Transport Infrastructure and the Struggle for the African City*

2. Daniela Hettstedt, *French Colonial Urbanism at the International Zone of Tangier in the 1930s*


4. Malte Fuhrmann, *Ox vs. Steam. A Short Reflection on Late Ottoman Urban Transport*

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.00 Panel 2: Public Order, Segregation and Urban Infrastructure

1. Norman Aselmeyer, *To Whom the City Belongs: Old Nairobi and the Politics of Exclusion (1890-1914)*

2. İlkay Yılmaz, *Administrative Infrastructure versus Marginalization in the Late Ottoman Empire: Policing the City in the Time of Propaganda by Deed*

3. Amina Nolte, *Connecting to Disconnect - Conceptualizing and Researching Infrastructure in Contested Jerusalem*

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 – 18.00 Panel 3: Informal Infrastructure and Urban Transformations in the Twenty-First Century

1. Tabea Scharrer, *Infrastructures of (Im)migration. The Development of 'Somali' Neighbourhoods in Nakuru (Kenya)*


3. Elizabeth Saleh, *For the Public Good: Salvaging for Labour in Lebanon and Syria*

4. Sanaa Alimia, *Transforming the City from Below: Informal Infrastructure in Pakistan*

19.30 Film screening at Moviemento (optional)
Kottbusser Damm 22, 10967 Berlin
*Thank you for the Rain*, N/GB 2017
Dir.: Julia Dahr, 90 min., OV with engl. sub.
Day 2 - 22 September 2017

10.00 – 12.00  **Panel 4: Citizens, Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals as Actors in Infrastructure Planning**

1. Florian Riedler, *Ottoman Small Towns in the Age of Big Infrastructure Planning*

2. Muzaffer Kaya, *The Role of Local Entrepreneurialism in Urban Infrastructure Development in the Context of Turkish Politics: Çerkezköy Example*


4. Ufuk Adak, *Water, Sewerage, and Sanitation: The Infrastructural Projects in Izmir from the late Ottoman Empire to the Republican Era*

5. Barış Ülker, *Urban Infrastructure as Network of Connections: Ernst Reuter’s Exile in Turkey*

12.00 – 13.00  **Lunch**

13.00 – 15.00  **Panel 5: Mobility of People – Flow of Capital**

1. Erol Ülker, *Multinational Capital and Urban Transformation in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Case of Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company*

2. Nora Lafi, *Urban Planning and Concessions in in Late-Ottoman Aleppo: The Transport System*

3. Funda Soysal, *To build or not to build: The Question of Finance in Infrastructure Development in Istanbul during the 1890s*

15.00 – 15.30  **Coffee Break**

16.00 – 18.00  **Panel 6: Infrastructure as Experience**

1. Nurçin İleri, *Encounters with Electricity in the Early Republican Period Istanbul*

2. Vidhya Raveendranathan, *Creating Public Infrastructures and Labouring Bodies: Famines, Mobility and Experiencing the City in Nineteenth Century Madras, India*


5. Emine Öztaner Eskin, *Politics and Technology: Abdulhamid II and Istanbul Municipality as Actors of Istanbul’s Electrification*

18.00 – 19.00  **Closing and Reception**

Film screening at Movimento (optional)
Kottbusser Damm 22, 10967 Berlin
*Mirage*, TRK 2009, Dir.: Halil Altindere, 7 min.
*A Few Brave People*, TRK 2011, Dir.: Rüya Arzu Köksal, 87 min., OV with engl. sub.