

# Annual International Conference

within the framework of the IKT research cluster  
CULTURES OF KNOWLEDGE

The conference *Transgressing Difference. New Approaches to the Cultures of Knowledge* aims to put the logic of difference to the test. Binary difference has served as the basis of knowledge production in modernity and beyond, yet in attempting to characterize culturally situated knowledge production more accurately, interdisciplinary culture studies have pointed to the need to reexamine an epistemological practice that remains embedded within this originally Western logic of difference despite the postcolonial turn and the increasingly decentralized approach to knowledge production.

By investigating specific practices that transgress difference, the conference proposes alternative understandings of knowledge production that (1) take on perspectives of interchange and circulation, (2) focus on entangled spheres of knowledge, and (3) involve actors (intermediaries, go-betweens), media (artifacts, texts, images) as well as practices (interaction, encounter, translation).

The conference thus raises questions that are fundamental to current research into cultures of knowledge: What might the new approaches be that sufficiently allow for the transgression of difference? How do they function, how can they be formulated, and what additional value do they offer?

## Concept

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# Transgressing Difference

## New Approaches to Cultures of Knowledge

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## WEDNESDAY, 8 October 2014

18:00–18:30 **WELCOME**  
Michael Rössner  
Johannes Feichtinger, Anil Bhatti

18:30–19:45 **SESSION 1 KNOWLEDGE IN THE MAKING**  
CHAIR: ANIL BHATTI

**PETER BURKE** (Cambridge)  
Exiles and expatriates in the history of knowledge

**DAGMAR SCHÄFER** (Berlin)  
Planning, organization and management: Moments of decision in knowledge making

## THURSDAY, 9 October 2014

9:15–10:30 **SESSION 2 KNOWLEDGE ON THE MOVE**  
CHAIR: MITCHELL G. ASH

**KAPIL RAJ** (Paris)  
“Translating” South Asian medicinal knowledge for European consumption: Three examples from Southwestern India, 16th–18th centuries

**HARALD FISCHER-TINÉ** (Zurich)  
‘Pidgin-knowledge’: Making transcultural knowledge work  
*Coffee Break*

11:00–12:15 **SESSION 3 KNOWLEDGE ACROSS HIERARCHIES**  
CHAIR: WOLFGANG GÖDERLE

**MANOLIS PATINIOTIS** (Athens)  
Beyond geography: Problematizing spatial hierarchies in history of science

**JAN SURMAN** (Marburg)  
Culture beyond language? Late Habsburg Monarchy as an (imperial) culture of knowledge  
*Lunch Break*

14:15–15:30 **SESSION 4 KNOWLEDGE BEYOND OPPOSITIONS**  
CHAIR: FRANZ LEANDER FILLAFAER

**JOHANNES FEICHTINGER, JOHANN HEISS** (Vienna)  
The will to divide. Reassessing difference as a tool of analysis

**DRAGAN PROLE** (Novi Sad)  
Culture of difference and cultural differences  
*Coffee Break*

16:00–17:15 **SESSION 5 KNOWLEDGE AS PRACTICE**  
CHAIR: MONIKA MOKRE

**JENS BADURA** (Zurich)  
Kunst als epistemische Praxis? Überlegungen zum Wissensbegriff im Kontext künstlerischer Forschung

**CORA BENDER** (Heidelberg)  
Anthropologist, shut up! – Resituating ethnographic fieldwork on indigenous knowledge in contemporary reservation contexts  
*Coffee Break*

18:00–19:30 **LECTURE**  
**NIKITA DHAWAN** (Frankfurt)  
Decolonizing the mind: Normative violence and epistemic change  
CHAIR: MICHAEL RÖSSNER

## FRIDAY, 10 October 2014

9:15–10:30 **SESSION 6 KNOWLEDGE GLOBALIZED**  
CHAIR: CHRISTOPH LEITGEB

**MARKUS TWELLMANN** (Constance)  
Weltliteratur und Modernisierung: Dorfgeschichten zum Beispiel

**JAHNAVI PHALKEY** (London)  
A global history of science?  
*Coffee Break*

11:00–12:15 **SESSION 7 KNOWLEDGE ONLINE**  
CHAIR: CORNELIA HÜLMBAUER

**SIMON GANAHL** (Vienna)  
How to examine media experiences. Network approaches in media studies

**DANIELA PSCHIEDA** (Dresden)  
Digital scientific practice in the context of knowledge cultural change  
*Coffee Break*

12:15–13:00 **CULTURES OF KNOWLEDGE: RE/CONSIDERATIONS**

Impulse statement  
**ANIL BHATTI** (New Delhi)  
Closing discussion  
moderated by Anil Bhatti and Johannes Feichtinger