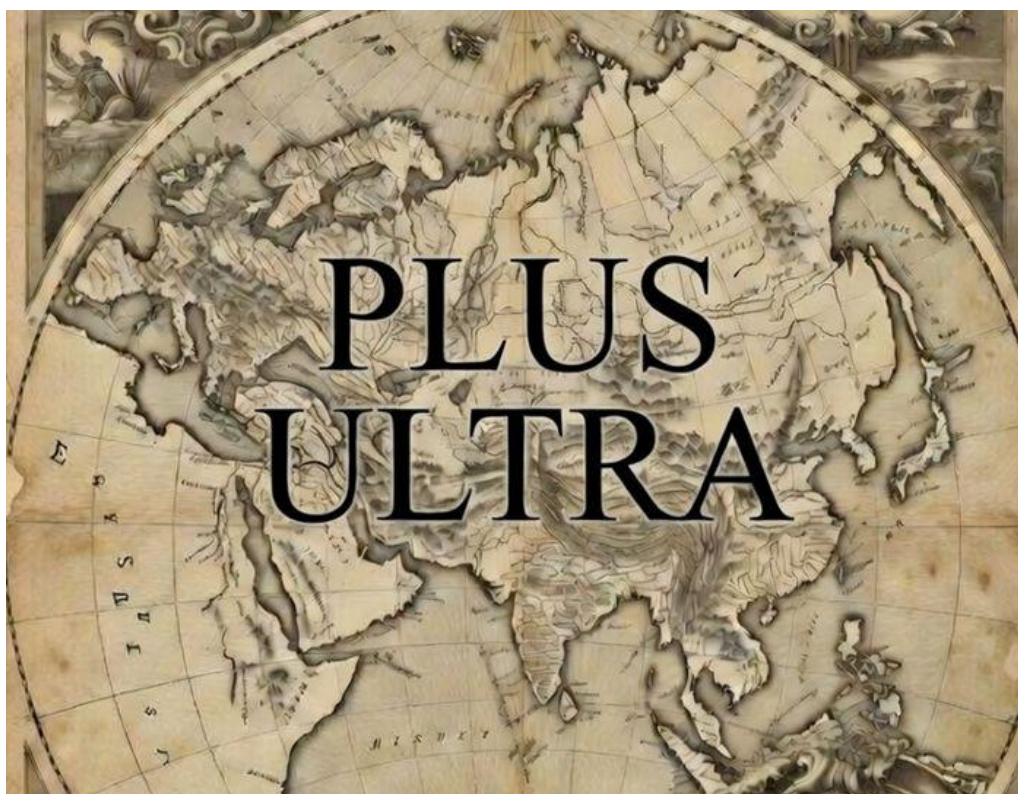


Reconsidering Imperial Dynamics and Geographies of Power: Imperial Reach and Imperial Impact in Afro-Eurasia through the Ages

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PROGRAMME

Monday, May 4

- 18:00–18:30 Opening: Brigitte Truschneegg (Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and History, UIBK)
Silke Meyer (Network of Areas, UIBK)
Introduction by the Organizers
- 18:30–19:30 Keynote: Shigeo Yamada (University of Tsukuba)
Re-evaluating the Reign of Shalmaneser III as a Pre-imperial Phase of Assyria: Rarii of Rule, Military Action, and Impact
- 19:30 Reception

Tuesday, May 5

Chair: Robert Rollinger (University of Innsbruck)

- 10:00–10:45 Keynote: Akiko Moroo (Rikkyo University Tokyo)
The Rarii of Athenian Power: A Study through the Tribute Assessments
- 10:45–11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15–12:00 Zozan Tarhan (University of Sofia / CAS Sofia)
“King of the four quarters”: Neo-Assyrian Imperial Strategies across Diverse Regions
- 12:00–12:45 Yoshiyuki Funada (Hiroshima University)
Rarii of Imperial Action and the Mobility of Power: Campaigns, Communication, and Shifting Political Centers in the Mongol Empire
- 12:45–14:00 Lunch Break
- Chair: Bernhard Palme (University of Vienna)
- 14:00–14:45 Manfred Bietak (University of Innsbruck/Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Imperial Policy of Thutmose III in the Near East
- 14:45–15:30 Robert Rollinger (University of Innsbruck)
The Achaemenid Empire as a Driver of Afro-Eurasian Integration
- 15:30–16:15 Yoichi Isahaya (Hokkaido University)
Roads of Merchants, Roads of Warriors: Imperial Itinerance in the Golden Horde (13th–14th Centuries)

City tour through Innsbruck’s old town

Dinner

Wednesday, May 6

Chair: Julian Degen (University of Innsbruck)

- 10:00–10:45 Peter Meis, Patrick Reinard (University of Trier)
From Rome through Egypt to the Indo-Pacific World: Imperial Dynamics and Infrastructural Development
- 10:45–11:00 Coffee Break
- Chair: Zozan Tarhan (University of Sofia / CAS Sofia)
- 11:00–11:45 Jörg Schwarz (University of Innsbruck)
From Charlemagne to Genghis Khan. The Reach of Empires in the Middle Ages

- 11:45–12:30 Keisuke Iwata (University of Tsukuba)
Logistics and Route Selection in the Qing Empire's Transport Strategies toward Tibet: A Case Study of Imperial Reach and Mobility Constraints
- 12:30–14:00 *Lunch Break*
- Chair: Clemens Leopold Steinwender (University of Innsbruck)*
- 14:00–14:45 Satoshi Ogura (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
North-Western Imperial Frontier of the Mughals: The Case of Kashmir
- 14:45–15:30 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
The Reach of the Network. A Comparative and Quantitative View on Empires of AfroEurasia as Large Complex Systems
- 15:30–16:00 *Coffee Break*
- Chair: Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck)*
- 16:00–16:45 Katsuji Sano (Kawamura Gakuen Women's University)
Assyria and Egypt from Diplomacy to Conquest: Political Interaction and Imperial Rule
- 16:45–17:30 Kurt Scharr (University of Innsbruck)
The Imperial View towards South-East: Mapping Habsburg-Empire 1699–1738 in between Imagination & Reality
- 17:30–17:45 Response 1 – *A Western Perspective on Imperial Dynamics* (Bernhard Palme, University of Vienna)

Thursday, May 7

- Chair: Milad Abedi (University of Innsbruck)*
- 09:00–09:45 Sanae Ito (Nagoya University)
Agents of Communication: Diplomatic and Bureaucratic Messengers in the Neo-Assyrian Period
- 09:45–10:30 Takahiro Onuma (Tohoku Gakuin University)
Crossing Muzart Pass: A Study on the History of North-South Transportation across the Tianshan Mountains
- 10:30–11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00–11:45 Jehan Hillen (University of Innsbruck)
The Impact of the Imperial Image beyond its Western Borders
- 11:45–12:30 Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck)
From the Pacific to the Atlantic: The Empire Belt and Eurasia
- 12:30–13:30 *Lunch Break*
- Chair: Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck)*
- 13:30–14:15 Friedrich Pöhl (Innsbruck)
The Imperial Reach of the Nomadic Lakota Oyate on the Great Plains in the 18th and 19th Century
- 14:15–15:00 Toshiaki Tamaki (Kyoto Sangyo University)
Homo Mobilis and Homo Faber: A Global History of Trade from the Perspective of Mobility
- 15:00–15:15 Response 2 – *An Eastern Perspective on Imperial Dynamics* (Sebastian Fink, University of Innsbruck)

15:15–15:45 Discussion and Future Prospects
(moderated by Raija Mattila, University of Helsinki)

15:45 Closing

Optional: Hiking tour to the Natterer Boden / In case of bad weather, museum or archive visit

Friday, May 8

Departure