

# **WORLDS APART?**

## *FUTURES OF GLOBAL HISTORY*

25/26 May 2023, Weltmuseum Wien, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Austria  
Organisers: Hubertus Büschel / Norman Aselmeyer

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## **PROGRAMME**

### **Day 1: Thursday, 25 May 2023**

Venue: WMW Forum (Ground Floor)

9.30 Registration

10.00–10.15

Greetings & Welcome

Anna Hofmann (ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius)

Norman Aselmeyer (University of Bremen)

Hubertus Büschel (University of Kassel)

Jonathan Fine (Weltmuseum Wien)

10.15–11.00

### **OPENING LECTURE**

Jeremy Adelman (Princeton University)

*Global History Now – Again*

11.00–11.30

Tea & Coffee Break

11.30–13.00

### **ROUNDTABLE**

*Global History at the Crossroads: Where Do we Stand?*

Moderation: Lucy Riall (European University Institute, Florence)

Richard Drayton (King's College London)

Nancy R. Hunt (University of Florida)

Martina Kaller (University of Vienna)

Rila Mukherjee (University of Hyderabad)

Carmen Nava (California State University San Marcos)

Akita Shigeru (Osaka University)

13.00–14.00  
Lunch Break

14.00–16.00

**PANEL 1: Politics of Global History**

Chair: Eric Burton (University of Innsbruck)

Adrián Lerner Patrón (University of Cambridge/Freie Universität Berlin)  
*The Politics of Global History: The Question of Primacy*

Kaveh Yazdani (University of Connecticut)  
*Periodizing Global History, Deprovincializing the West and Universalizing the “Rest”*

Ye Liu (New School for Social Research)  
*To Historicize Decolonization: Bringing the “Other” Back in*

Alessandro Stanziani (EHESS)  
*The Problem with (Euro)centrism*

16.00–18.00

Tea & Coffee Break  
and

Guided Tour Weltmuseum Wien

18.00–19.30

**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Sujit Sivasundaram (University of Cambridge)  
*The Global and the Earthy*

20.00

Conference dinner

**Day 2: Friday, 26 May 2023**

Venue: WMW Forum (Ground Floor)

9.30–11.30

**PANEL 2: Methods and Sources of Global History**

Chair: Julia Hauser (University of Kassel)

Pol Dalmau & Jorge Luengo (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)

*National Histories Go Global: A Futile Endeavour?*

Chao Tayiana Maina (African Digital Heritage, Nairobi)

*Plurality and Purpose: Digital Methodologies for Community Based Histories*

Agata Bloch (Polish Academy of Sciences) & Demival Vasques Filho (IEG Mainz)

*Big Data, Natural Language Processing Methods and Sources in Global History*

Fabio Santos (Freie Universität Berlin)

*Global History Against the Archival Grain: Critical Fabulation as Decolonial Method*

11.30–11.45

Tea & Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.15

**PANEL 3: Systems of Knowledge**

Chair: Valeska Huber (University of Vienna)

Delia González de Reufels (University of Bremen)

*Reinventing Global History? Historians of Latin America and a Controversial Field of Historic Research*

Joshua Meeks (U.S. Naval War College, Newport)

*Blood and Stone: Ontology, History, and the State*

Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni (University of Bayreuth)

*(Re)provincializing Europe and (De)provincializing Africa: A Contribution Towards Decolonizing Global History*

13.15–14.15

Lunch Break

14.15–16.15

**PANEL 4: Narratives and Languages of Global History**

Chair: Karolin Wetjen (University of Göttingen)

Anwasha Ghosh (National Law School of India University, Bangalore)  
*Living in Italics: Southern Vocabulary and the Politics of Untranslatability*

Nora Lafi (ZMO, Berlin)  
*Challenging the Global Narratives of Global History: An Exploration of Alternative Paths from the Arab World*

Sisay Megersa Dirirsa (Bielefeld University)  
*The Ambivalence of Global History and the Deficit of the “Post-Colonial:” Is a Pluriversal History Possible?*

Ann McGrath (The Australian National University, Canberra)  
*Temporalities and Historicities: What “Primitive Earth” Carried Across Hemispheres*

16.15–16.30

Tea & Coffee Break

16.30–18.30

**PANEL 5: Topics and Concepts of Global History**

Chair: Sasson Sofer (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Chelsea Schields (University of California, Irvine)  
*Gender, Sexuality, and Race: Intersecting Concepts in Global History*

Cassandra Thiesen-Mark (University of Bayreuth)  
*From Illusions of Universality Towards an Innovative, “Incomplete” Global History*

Luise White (University of Florida)  
*Can we Change the Subject? Africa and Global History*

Joël Glasman (University of Bayreuth)  
*Beyond Global Citizenship: Four Forms of Impacts of Global History*

18.30–20.00

**ROUNDTABLE & FINAL DISCUSSION**

*Whither Global History: Does the Field Have a Future?*

Moderation: David Motadel (LSE)

Christian de Vito (University of Bonn)

Toyin Falola (University of Austin)

Valeska Huber (University of Vienna)

Hermann Mückler (University of Vienna)

Dilip Menon (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)