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**Paradigms of a Nomadic Mode of Living:  
Tenets and Perils of Coexistence**

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· *Preliminary Programme* ·



· Friday, November 30 ·

**Panel 1    The Politics of Resources:  
Strategies of Access and Exploitation**

- 14:00    Opening and chair:  
**Jörg Gertel** (Leipzig)
- 14:10    **Leif Manger** (Bergen)  
Livestock, Land and Weapons: Understanding Resource-Based  
Conflicts between Agro-Pastoral Groups in Western Sudan
- 14:50    **Fred Zaai** (Amsterdam)  
Co-Management Conflicts: Institutional Conflict over Key Wetland  
and Forest Resources in a Pastoral Community, Kenya
- 15:30    **Melvyn C. Goldstein** (Cleveland)  
Changing Patterns of Resource Use and Pastoral Management in  
Western Tibet over the Past Half Century: A Case Study of the  
Nomads of Phala
- 16:10    *Coffee Break*
- 16:25    **Sören Stark** (Halle)  
Resource Exploitation and Settlement Dynamics in High Mountain  
Areas: The Case of Medieval Ustrushana, Northern Tajikistan
- 17:05    **Wolfgang Holzwarth** (Halle)  
Central Asian Sheep and Russian Railways: Expanding Eurasian  
Lamb-Skin and Meat Markets in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries
- 17:45    **Ingo Breuer, Andreas Gruschke** (Leipzig)  
Pastoral Resources in Morocco and Tibet: Local Livelihoods in  
Global Context
- 18:25    *Break*
- 18:30    Ecological Perspectives:  
**Benno Pilardeaux** (Berlin)  
Climate Change and New Security Risks in Drylands
- 19:30    *Dinner*



· Saturday, December 1 ·

**Panel 2    Imposed Rules, Administered Interests:  
Intersections between the Two Spheres**

- Chair: Kurt Franz (Halle)
- 8:30    **Françoise Métral** (Lyon)  
The *Contrôle bédouin* in Mandatory Syria
- 9:10    **Brit Kärger** (Leipzig)  
Imposition of Political Interests, Trials of Control: Numhâ and  
Yamût-ba'al under the Influence of the Mariote, Assyrian and  
Other Local Kingdoms
- 9:50    **Thomas Brüggemann** (Halle)  
Nomads under Control? Settlement Policy and Nomadic Response  
in the Byzantine Empire
- 10:30    *Coffee Break*
- 10:45    **Kurt Franz** (Halle)  
Ambiguities of Arbitration between Autonomous Tribes and  
Suzerain State: The Ayyubid and Mamluk Experience
- 11:25    **Sebastian Maisel** (Allendale, Mich.)  
Who is Right? Legal Transformations within the Saudi Arabian  
Tribal Community
- 12:05    **Svetlana Jacquesson** (Halle)  
Nomad-State Relations in the Tian Shan Mountain Region and  
the Kyrgyz Population, Late 19th to 20th century
- 13:00    *Lunch*



· Saturday, December 1 ·

**Panel 3 Shared Space, Divided Territories:  
The Appropriation and Organization of Spaces**

Chair: Stefan R. Hauser (Halle)

- 14:30 **Ian Straughn** (Providence, R.I.)  
Contingent Spatialities and Imperial Immaturities: Landscape Practices of the Umayyad Dynasty in Greater Syria
- 15:10 **David Durand-Guédy** (Paris / Tehran)  
Where Did the Saljuqs Live? The Example of Sultan Mas'ūd b. Muḥammad (1134–1152)
- 15:50 **Andreea Bretan** (Leipzig)  
Constructed Spaces, Contested Meanings: The Syrian Steppe, the Bedouins and the Development Discourse
- 16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:45 **Guma Kunda Komey Kola** (Halle / Khartoum)  
Autochthonous Land Claims and Counter-Claims in the Relations of the Sedentary Nuba and the Nomadic Baqqara of the Nuba Mountains, Sudan
- 17:25 **Kyrill Istomin, Joachim Otto Habeck** (Halle)  
Spatial Cognition and Orientation among Noymadic and Settled Groups in the Tundras of Northern Russia
- 18:05 **Beate Pongratz-Leisten** (Princeton)  
Mental Maps
- 19:30 *Dinner*



· Sunday, December 2 ·

**Panel 4 Mental Representations:  
Myths, Discourse, Encounters**

Chair: Stefan Leder (Halle)

- 8:30 **Beate Eschment** (Halle)  
Neither Barbarians nor Noble Savages: The Russian View on the Kazakhs of the Empire
- 9:10 **Thomas Barfield** (Boston)  
Contrasting the State-Building Capacity of Nomads in the Near East and Inner Asia: Hierarchical versus Egalitarian Tribal Ideologies in Establishing Political Leadership and Dynastic Rule
- 9:50 **Alexander Diener** (Malibu)  
Hybridity in the Mongolian Steppe: Modernization, Nationalization and the Changing Role of Nomadic Tradition
- 10:30 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 **Ute Pietruschka** (Halle)  
Gog and Magog: Reflections of Nomadic Incursions in the Syriac Literature
- 11:25 **Sarga Moussa** (Lyon)  
Le mythe des Bédouins à l'aube du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle: L'exemple de Dom Rafaël de Monachis
- 12:05 **Alexander Weiß** (Leipzig), **Stefan Leder** (Beirut / Halle)  
Myths of Nomads and their Use: Two Cases in Trans-Cultural Perspective
- 13:00 *Lunch*