

Transnational Research in a Multipolar World

International Conference of the Max Weber Foundation

Parallel Session

'The Indo-Pacific – Mobilities and Connectivities'

May 9, 9:00 – 12:00am

9:00 – 9:40 Migrant worlds

Chinese Migration and the Imagination of Pacific Worlds

Simone Lässig and Nino Vallén, GHI Washington/Berkeley

Prewar Japanese Communities in Southeast Asia

Naoko Shimazu, NUS, and David Malitz, DIJ Tokyo

Chair: Edward Boyle (Nichibunken)

9:40 – 10:40 Infrastructures

Japan's infrastructural investment in NE India

Edward Boyle, Nichibunken

New cities and infrastructural frontiers in Southeast Asia

Tim Bunnell, NUS

Financial entanglements between agrarian South India and Southeast Asia

Poorva Rajaram, MWF Delhi

Chair: Franz Waldenberger (DIJ Tokyo)

10:40 – 11:20 Knowledge circulation

Indigenous ecologies: Nation-making, biodiversity and the global food system.

Sujeet George, MWF Delhi

Global China's knowledge infrastructure: The (re)emergence of area and development studies

Han Cheng, NUS

Chair: Sebastian Schwecke (MWF Delhi)

11:20 – 12:00 Infrastructural pasts and futures of the Indo-Pacific idea

Presenting NIHU Global Area Studies Program and the Maritime Asian and Pacific Studies

Minoru Mio and Rintaro Ono, National Museum of Ethnology

General discussion and preparation of the presentation of the afternoon panel

Chair: James Sidaway (NUS)