



# TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES

Interdisciplinary Insights  
in Transpacific Studies

*International Hybrid Conference  
of the Transpacific Studies  
Network*

*February 9-11, 2024*

Transpacific  
Studies Network



# Conference Program

## Zoom Meeting Info for Online Participants on Days 1 and 2:

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## Day 1 - Friday, February 9, 2024

9.00-9.30 **Coffee and Registration**

9.30-9.45 **Introduction and Welcome**

9.45-10.35 **Panel A: Indigenous Knowledge and Culture in Archive and Media**

**Chair: Carole Martin (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)**

Alyssa 'Ānela Purcell (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Goddess Haumea & Queen*

*Lili'uokalani: Shared embodiments of intellectual, protective, and regenerative mana*

Samantha Marley Barnett (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Waves of Return: A Pacific Islander*

*Approach to Ancestral Afterlives*

Q&A

10.35-10.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45-12.00 **Panel B: Colonialism, Migration, and Mobility**

**Chair: Alissa Lienhard (Leibniz University Hannover)**

Alexander Rüter (University of Cologne): *Nikkei Circulations: Notes on a Transpacific Figure*

Marietta Kosma (University of Oxford): *Performance of gender in (Trans)pacific regions in Shailja Patel's Migitude*

Paula Hastings (University of Toronto): *"Itl practically changed the geography of the world":*

*The Panama Canal, the Pacific World and Shifting Spatial Imaginaries in Canada*

Q&A

12.00-13.30 **Lunch Break**

13.30-14.35 **Artistic Performances**

**Moderation: Hanna Masslich (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)**

Alissa Lienhard (Leibniz University Hannover): *Transpacific Spaces in Okja (video essay)*

Yasmina Benachour (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *"Opposite Day"*

John Taukave (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Storytelling Performance*

Q&A

14.45-15.35 **Panel C: Literary Reckonings with U.S. Imperialism**

**Chair: Julia Machtenberg (Ruhr University Bochum)**

Mitchell Gauvin (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz): *Ruptures and Remappings: The Transpacific in Herman Melville's Benito Cereno*

Allison Nick (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz): *Pearl S. Buck's Transpacific WWII Novels*

Q&A

15.35-15.45 **Coffee Break**

- 15.45-17.00 **Panel D: Poetic (Re)Envisionings of the Transpacific**  
**Chair: Hanna Masslich (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)**  
 Matthew Lear (University of Edinburgh): *(Re)presentations of Guāhan and Hawai'i in From Unincorporated Territory*  
 Julia Machtenberg (Ruhr University Bochum): *Vulnerability and Responsibility in Ocean Vuong's Night Sky with Exit Wounds*  
 Holger Droessler (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA): *"And I Lost": Kathy Jetñil-Kijiner's "History Project" and Remembering U.S. Nuclear Colonialism in the Marshall Islands*  
 Q&A
- 17.00-17.15 **Coffee Break**
- 17.15-18.45 **Keynote Lecture** Iris-Aya Laemmerhirt (TU Dortmund University)  
***Oceanic Poetics: Kānaka Maoli Voices Across the Currents***  
**Chair: Ana Elisa Gomez Laris (University of Duisburg-Essen)**  
 Q&A
- From 19.30 Dinner (self-payment/location tba)**

## Day 2 - Saturday, February 10, 2024

- 8.30-9.00 **Coffee, Registration, and Welcome**
- 9.00-10.15 **Panel E: Transpacific Perspectives in the Political and Social Sciences, Part I**  
**Chair: Olga Thierbach-McLean (Independent Scholar)**  
 Gabriela Kwiatek (Jagiellonian University): *Indigenous Health Policy, Self-Determination and Transpacific Cooperation in British Columbia, Canada, and Aotearoa New Zealand*  
 Anamalia Sue'su'e (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Community Membership among Samoans Raised in Hawai'i*  
 Davis Rehuher, et al. (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Reinterpreting the Lessons from The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara in the Context of Militarism in the Micronesia Region*  
 Q&A
- 10.15-10.30 **Coffee Break**
- 10.30-11.20 **Panel F: Transpacific Perspectives in the Political and Social Sciences, Part II**  
**Chair: Sandra Meerwein (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)**  
 Jihun Park (Yonsei University, Seoul) and Soojeong Shin (Seoul National University): *The Partisan Lens of Terrorism: Political Orientation and Terrorist Targeting Patterns*  
 Angela Kölling (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz): *Locating "the Pacific Way" in Germany: A Decolonising Indigeneity?*  
 Q&A
- 11.30-15.00 **Workshop: Engaging with Transpacific Spaces**  
 (only for conference participants/in-person)  
 11.30-12.45 Iris-Aya Laemmerhirt (TU Dortmund University): *Part I*  
 12.45-13.30 Lunch *In-House*  
 13.30-15.00 Iris-Aya Laemmerhirt (TU Dortmund University): *Part II*
- 15.00-15.15 **Coffee Break**

15.15-16.30 **Panel G: (Re-)Claiming Regional Identities**  
**Chair: Nina De Bettin Padolin (University of Graz)**  
Sheng-mei Ma (Michigan State University): *Taiwan Meets Its Unmaker: Circum-(I)sle) and gHost Films*  
Andrew Kincaid (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): *Naming the Ocean in Witi Ihimaera's Whale Rider*  
Ajani Burell (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz): *Yo'ámte (Healer) of the Soul: The Restorative Writing of Julian Aguon*  
Q&A

16.30-16.45 **Coffee Break**

16.45-18.20 **Panel H: Indigenous Activism in Performance and Writing**  
**Chair: Nina De Bettin Padolin (University of Graz)**  
Lennie Espinoza (University of Hawai'i at Hilo): *Aloha 'Āina: Indigenous Epistemology in Contemporary Hawaiian Literature*  
Eva Aguon Cruz (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa): *Menhalom, Senhalom Famalao'an: Awakening our Women's Embodied Wisdom from Deep Within*  
Andrew Gumataotao (Georg August University of Göttingen): *Sound Knowledge in the Mariana Islands: Indigenous/Oceanic Methodologies in Local and Extra-Local Contexts*  
Masayoshi Yamada (University of California, Los Angeles): *But There Is a Color Line in Jazz: The Hot Club of Japan and the Making of Trans-pacific Anti-racism Solidarity during the Cold War*  
Q&A

**Closing Remarks**

**Moderation: Ana Elisa Gomez Laris (University of Duisburg-Essen)**

**Day 3 - Sunday, February 11, 2024** (only for conference participants/optional)

10.00-10.15 **Coffee and Welcome**

10.15-11.15 **Roundtable: The Future of Transpacific Studies**

**Moderation: Hanna Masslich (Friedrich Schiller University Jena) & Olga Thierbach-McLean (Independent Scholar)**

11.15-11.30 **Closing Remarks**

11.30-13.30 **Transpacific Studies Network Gathering**

(incl. informational session for interested scholars)

**End of Conference**

## Conference Venues

February 9 & 10 (Fri & Sat)

Aulagebäude/Alte Mensa (1. OG, Linker Saal)

Gebäude 1312

Johann-Joachim-Becher-Weg 3 - 5

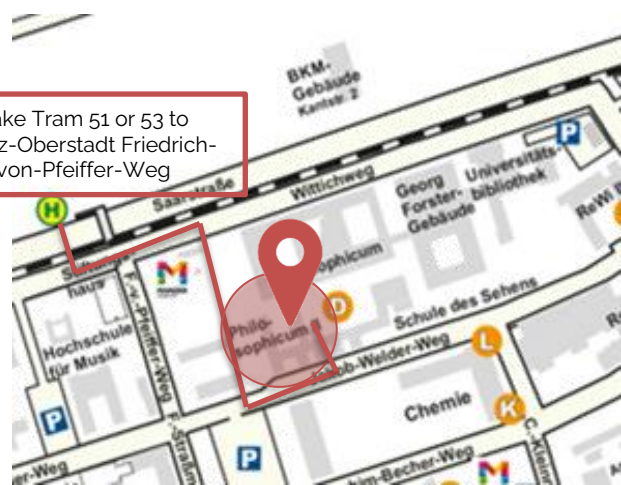
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February 11 (Sun)

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