

Call for Participation
Theory Workshop of the Young Scholars Group “Asia Studies”
31.01.-02.02.2020

Interdisciplinary workshop on theories in Asia Studies
at Ruhr-University Bochum



Applying theories in our research requires us to continue our education regarding different theoretical approaches, to engage with current debates, and to get familiar with relevant terms and concepts. What is more, as Asia scholars we often adopt and adapt theories that were developed outside the context where we are applying them. In addition to the need to acquire general knowledge on theories, we are therefore confronted with questions of Eurocentrism and our own role as researchers. Against this background, the Young Scholars Group “Asia Studies” is organizing an interdisciplinary forum in Bochum to further our knowledge on theoretical approaches and to discuss a wide range of questions pertaining to the application of theories in Asia.

We would like to invite postgraduate and doctoral students from all disciplinary backgrounds who work on Asia. The aim of the workshop is to provide young scholars with assistance regarding the application of theories and to support them with finding solutions for problems they encounter in their research.

The program will start on Friday afternoon with an introductory input on the question “What are theories and why do we need them?”, followed by a presentation on the topic “Theories and eurocentrism in Asia studies” (Prof. Dr. Boike Rehbein). On Saturday, the participants will work together with experts on questions regarding the application of theories in their own research. The workshop will be divided into four groups for this intensive working phase:

- 1. Poststructuralism**
- 2. IR Theories and Paradigms**
- 3. Institutionalism**
- 4. Critical Theories**

Upon registration, the participants choose one of the four groups. All participants must submit an abstract of approx. 1 page (English or German) about their research.

Registration and further information:

<http://nwg.asienforschung.de/cfp-theorienworkshop-2020bochum/>

Registration closes on 31.10.2019.



The workshop fee is 55 Euro for members of the Young Scholars Group /65 Euro for non-members incl. dinner (Fri.) und lunch (Sat.&Sun.)

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