



Global Encounters Workshop The Politics of Division: Legal and Knowledge Regimes



5 and 6 February 2026

College of Fellows | Seminar Room

Co-organized by the College of Fellows and the Platform Global Encounters

Online participation is still possible, please register at: global-encounters@uni-tuebingen.de

Programme

Day 1, Thursday February 5th, 2026

9:45 – 10:15 | Registration & Coffee

10:15 – 10:30 | Welcome Address

10:30 – 12:30 | Session I: Race, Culture, & Identity Formation (Chair: Dr Hye Min Oh)

- **Hyeona Shin (Pusan National University):** Blue Is The New Black: From Settler Colonialism to Racialized Labor
- **Percy Arfeen-Wegner (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf):** Conceptualising Culture in Corporate Training: Transculturality as a Counter-Knowledge Regime
- **Cansu Civelek (Independent Researcher):** The Politics of Division Through Inaction: Law, Class, and Temporal Governance in Urban Turkey
- **Blair Proctor (University of Tübingen):** THE TRUMPISM PROJECT: Great Replacement Theory and the Maintenance of White Supremacy

12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 | Session II: Narratives of Anti-Democratic Populism (Chair: Dr Blair Proctor)

- **Samuel Umoh (University of Hradec Králové):** From Rights to Rhetoric: Epistemic Authority and Populist Challenges in South Africa
- **Hye min Oh (University of Tübingen):** Anti-feminist Rhetoric in Right-Wing Populism - a Transnational Perspective of Germany and South Korea
- **Marianne Sandelin (University of Helsinki):** Turning Liberal Ideals as Weapons against Liberals: The Successful Narrative Portraying Liberals as the True Anti-Democrats and Anti-Pluralists
- **Philip Onyekachukwu Egbule (University of Delta, Agbor):** Nigeria since 1999: Unveiling the Hidden Injuries of Building a New “Soft Authoritarian” Regime

16:30 – 18:30 | Break & Reassembling for Keynote Address

18:30 – 20:00 | Keynote Address at Alte Aula by

Prof Peter van der Veer (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity):
Rooted and Uprooted: Suffering and Agency in the Story of the Nation

20:00 Reception at Alte Aula

Day 2, Friday, February 6th, 2026

9:00 – 9:15 | Morning Coffee

9:15 – 11:15 | *Session III: Histories and Regimes of Difference* (Chair: Dr Andrew Russo)

- **Andrew Russo (University of Tübingen/AI Akhawayn University):** The Shadow of Expulsion: Citizenship, Memory, and Bureaucratic Power in Contemporary Iberia
- **Fatih Durgun (Istanbul Medeniyet University):** The “Ancient Constitution” as Knowledge Regime: Magna Carta, Parliamentary Sovereignty, and Post-Brexit Politics
- **Soohee Jang (Dong-a University):** The Courtroom as Stage: Memory and Justice in “Comfort Women” Narratives
- **Roraima Estaba Amaiz (Complutense University of Madrid):** Dividing the Nation: Legal-Knowledge Regimes, Racialisation, and the Postcolonial Invention of Socio-Political Membership in the Early 19th Century Colombia, Venezuela, and Argentina (1810–1850)

11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:45 | *Session IV: Resistance and Restorative Justice* (Chair: TBA)

- **Arnab Dutta (University of Groningen):** Epistemic Boundaries and the Reification of a Global Political Cleavage: European Studies as Area Studies
- **Konstantina Oikonomou (University of the Peloponnese):** Restorative Justice and the Denial of Self-Determination: Rethinking Remedies in International Law

12:45 – 14:30 | Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 | *Session V: Law and the Postcolonial State* (Chair: Dr Iymon Majid)

- **Saumya Nath (University of Sussex):** Strategic climate litigation in India as a site for advancing pluriversal futures
- **Chinwe Ogbonna (University of Freiburg):** From Warrant Chiefs to 'Native Elites': How Colonial Knowledge Regimes Produced Igbo Political Outsiders

- **Rouf Dar (GITAM University):** And The Twain Shall Never Meet: India, Kashmir, and the Abrogation of Autonomy (Article 370)
- **Ilymon Majid (University of Tübingen):** Periodizing Sovereignty: Kashmir at its Postcolonial Moment

16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee

17:00 – 17:30 | Closing Remarks & Discussion: Future Publication of Conference Papers

Preliminary Programme