

KNOWING THE ENEMY.

PERSPECTIVES FROM ART, POLITICS, AND SCIENCE IN THE MODERN ERA

Organized by Research Field I of the RTG
**Ambivalent Enmity. Dynamics of Antagonism
in Europa, Asia and the Middle East**

9-10 January 2025 | Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg

THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025

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| 1:00pm | Opening and Welcome
Barend Noordam |
| 1:30–3:30pm | Panel I: <i>Entomology and Enmity</i>
Omri Polatsek (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
<i>Agrochemicals and War in the Middle East, 1910s-1940s</i>

Michael Worboys (Manchester Centre for the History of Science, Technology and
Medicine)
<i>Science, Empire and Locust Control, 1920-1945</i>

Lars Dickmann (Heidelberg University)
<i>“Maintaining the Balance of Nature”: Biological Insect Control as an Entangled History
between Switzerland and the Dutch East Indies/Indonesia, 1930-1950</i> |
| 3:30-4:00pm | Coffee break |
| 4:00–6:00pm | Panel II: <i>Thinking about the Other in Israel/Palestine</i>
Johannes Becke (Heidelberg University for Jewish Studies)
<i>The Language of the Enemy: Hebrew textbooks in the Arab World</i>

Tom Würdemann (Heidelberg University for Jewish Studies)
<i>Visions of Jewish-Arab Coexistence in 1960s and 1970s Palestinian Nationalism</i>

Dastan Jasim (GIGA Institut für Nahost-Studien Hamburg)
<i>Learning from Whom? the changes of Kurdish Perspectives on Israel and Palestine</i> |
| 6:30pm | Dinner |

FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY 2025

9:00–11am

Panel III: *Mobility and Race: Knowledge Production and Legislation on Sinti and Roma in the Interwar Period*

Pavel Baloun (Charles University, Prague)

“Wandering Gypsies”: Legislation, Mobility and Agency in the Interwar Czechoslovakia

Théophile Leroy (EHESS, Paris)

Building of a Racial Database and Biologisation of the “Gypsy” Category: The Investigations of the Rassenhygienische Forschungsstelle on Sinti Families in Southwest Germany, 1937–1938

Paula Simon (Heidelberg University)

“All Thefts and other Misdemeanours are Primarily Committed by Gypsy Vagrants”: The Yugoslav “Gypsy” at the Intersection of Knowledge Production and Legislation, 1918–1941

11–11:30am

Coffee break

11:30am–1:30pm

Panel IV: *Shifting Tides. Antagonism in Maritime Spaces*

Michel van Duijnen (VU Amsterdam)

Broken, Bloodied, Battered: Imagining Enemies in the Dutch Maritime Painting

Hannah Baader (KHI, Florence/4A_Lab, Berlin)

Drowning the Enemy in Black and White: Titian, ca. 1519–49

Anita Markmiller (Heidelberg University)

Uncertainty at Sea: Theory and Practice in the Early Modern Maritime World

1:30pm

Lunch

2:30–4:30pm

Panel V: *Emblematic Wars and Knowledge of the Enemy*

Barend Noordam (Heidelberg University)

The Imjin War (1592–1598) as an Emblematic Conflict in East Asia

Clemens Büttner (Heidelberg University)

The Franco-Prussian War in China and Japan: Enmity, Relationality, and Historiography

Aaron Moore (Asian Studies, Edinburgh University)

The Future War That Wasn't: The Curious Case of Imagining the “Death Ray” in China and Japan, 1920–1945