

# Crossings: Non-Privileged Migration and Mobility Control in the Age of Global Empires (c. 1850-1914)

Conference to be held at the German Historical Institute London, April 25-26, 2024

Convenors: Felix Brahm (University of Münster), Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL), Eve Rosenhaft (University of Liverpool)

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## Programme

### Thursday, April 25

14:00 Welcome and Introduction

#### **14:30-16:00 Panel 1: Persecution and Transnational Mobility**

Chair: Michael Schaich (GHIL)

Anna Ronell (Boston): Underprivileged and Undesirable: Russian Jews on a Transnational Journey

Simon Constantine (Wolverhampton): The Tinsmiths of Trencsén. The Expulsion of a 'Burdensome' Migrant group in Germany (1850-1914)

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

#### **16:30-18:00 Panel 2: Mobility Control and the Construction of the "Undesirable" Migrant**

Chair: Eve Rosenhaft (Liverpool)

Adèle Sutre (Paris): "Undesirable Gypsies": The Construction of a Category of Undesirables within the British Empire (1880s-1900s)

David Hamann (Berlin): The 'Brody Crisis' of 1881/82. Organized Jewish Transit Through Galicia and the German Empire and Its Connections to the Early Jewish Fight Against Antisemitism

### Friday, April 26

#### **9:30-11:00 Panel 3: Colonial Migration Regimes 1**

Chair: Felix Brahm (Münster)

Bastiaan Nugteren (Utrecht): Dumping 'Destitute' Migrants? Border Formation, Transimperial Tensions, and the Regulation of Chinese Labor Migration in Dutch and British Colonial Southeast Asia, 1870-1914

Mona Rudolph (Kiel): “Sad Figures”? Non-Privileged Migrants, Racism, Measures by Colonial Officials and Cross-Border Collaborations in German South-West Africa, 1905-1914

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

**11:30-13:00 Panel 4: Colonial Migration Regimes 2**

Chair: Indra Sengupta (GHIL)

Malika Zehni (London): Empire’s Edges: Crossing Paper Borders between Central and South Asia, ca. 1865-1915

Shaul Marmari (Leipzig): Sephardim and Asiatics: Jewish-Baghdadi Immigrants in British India

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

**14:00-15:30 Panel 5: Australia**

Chair: Markus Mößlang (GHIL)

Houda Al-Kateb (Bristol): The Parish of Saint John, Hampstead, and the Non-Privileged Poor’s Migration Patterns to Australia

Louise Thatcher (Potsdam): Clandestine Mobility and White Australia, 1901-1914

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

**16:00-17:30 Panel 6: Migrant Agency and Protest**

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL)

Magdalene Klassen (Baltimore): Alleged French Canadians: Commercial Sex, Travel Narratives, and Deportation at the British Border, 1905-1914

Agnes Gehbald (Bern): Camping in Front of the Immigrants’ Hotel: Seasonal Migration, Strike Action, and Failure in Transatlantic Migration Policy