



**Workshop:**  
**„Empires on the verge of a nervous breakdown“**

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**9th and 10th July 2012**

Program

**Monday, 9th July 2012**

- 09:00 – 09:15** Registration
- 09:15 – 09:20** Welcome greetings of the Lichtenberg-Kollegs
- 09:20 – 09:30** Introductions: Harald Fischer-Tiné
- 09:30 – 10:30** KEYNOTE LECTURE: DANE KENNEDY  
Minds in Crisis: Theories of Medico-Moral Disorder in the Late Colonial World
- 10:30 – 11:00** coffee break
- PANEL: Maintaining Borders  
Chair: Dirk Schumann
- 11:00 – 11:30** VINCENT HOUBEN  
*Repertoires of European panic and indigenous recaptures in late colonial Indonesia*
- 11:30 – 12:00** PAUL KRAMER  
*Sovereignty and Surrender: Immigration as Invasion in 20th Century U. S. Global History*
- 12:00 – 12:30** DISCUSSION
- 12:30 – 13:30** Lunch
- PANEL: Technologies of panic  
Chair: Dirk Schuman
- 13:30 – 14:00** PROJIT MUKHARJI  
*Nitrogenous Capitalism: Race, Numeralization and the Crisis of Colonial Capitalism*
- 14:00 – 14:30** ROBERT PECKHAM  
*Parasitic Capital: Economics, Contagion, and New Imperialism, 1880-1914*
- 14:30 – 15:00** Discussion

**15:00 – 15:30** coffee break

PANEL: Failure of government  
Chair: Harald Fischer-Tine

**15:30 – 16:00** DAVID ARNOLD  
*Poison panics of British India*

**16:00 – 16:30** ALEXANDER KEESE  
*Into obsession: forced labour and the colonial administrator's everyday life in French-ruled and Portuguese-ruled tropical Africa, 1914-1930*

**16:30 – 17:00** DISCUSSION

## **Tuesday, 10th July 2012**

PANEL: Panic and terrorism  
Chair: Ravi Ahuja

**09:00 – 09:30** HARALD FISCHER-TINE  
*'The London Outrage' 1909: Indian 'Terrorism' and Imperial 'Counter-terrorism' in the Heart of the Empire*

**09:30 – 10:00** KAMA MACLEAN  
*Paradoxical panics: The innocence and culpability of Bhagat Singh*

**10:00 – 10:30** DISCUSSION

**10:30 – 11:00** coffee break

PANEL: Panic and degeneration  
Chair: Rupa Viswanath

**11:00 – 11:30** NICOLA COOPER  
*Bataillons d'Afrique: Disciplining and Punishing in the French Empire*

**11:30 – 12:00** CHRISTINE WHYTE  
*„The strangest problem“: Daniel Wilberforce, 'going native' and the Special Court in Sierra Leone, 1912*

**12:00 – 12:30** Discussion

**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch

PANEL: Communicating panic  
Chair: Christine Whyte

**13:30 – 14:00** DK LAHIRI CHOUDHURY  
*The imagined states' entanglement with information panic*

**14:00 – 14:30** RICHARD PRICE  
*Anxieties of Empire*

**14:30 – 15:00** DISCUSSION

**15:00 – 15:30** coffee break

CHAIR: HARALD FISCHER-TINE

**15:30 – 16:00** NORMAN ETHERINGTON  
*Colonial Panics Big and Small.*

**16:00 – 17:00** Roundtable Discussion