

Wissensoikonomien

Order and Transgression in Premodern Cultures

28–30 June 2018



Annual Conference of the Collaborative Research Center 980
“Episteme in Motion. Transfer of Knowledge from the Ancient
World to the Early Modern Period”

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in cooperation with the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss

Knowledge is constituted and undergoes change in relation to the processes and networks in which it circulates, or to put it differently: in the framework of an *oikos* and its diverse contexts. At its sixth annual conference, the Collaborative Research Center “Episteme in Motion” extends an invitation to discuss the idea of an *oikos* of knowledge in greater depth. The ancient Greek concept of the *oikos*, both as an abstract notion and as a tangible reality, will serve as a heuristic category, providing impulses that open up new lines of inquiry.

The conference will offer a forum for a wide and interdisciplinary spectrum of investigative approaches. Using the concept of *Wissensoikonomien* as our point of departure, we will engage with related theoretical models and alternative methodologies, entering into productive dialogue with models from the fields of the social sciences and computer-based network analysis.

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018

1:30 p.m. Registration at the Humboldt-Box

2:00 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

GYBURG UHLMANN

Director of the Collaborative Research Center

NIKOLAS PISSIS and NORA SCHMIDT

Heads of Concept Group “Wissensoikonomien”

Chair: Lennart Lehmhaus

2:30 p.m. CATHERINE HEZSER

SOAS University of London

**Dynamics of Knowledge Transfer Between
Palestinian Jewish and Graeco-Roman Culture:
Using Insights from Cultural Studies**

3:30 p.m. Coffee break

Chair: Nora Schmidt

4:00 p.m. FLORIAN LIPKE

Université de Fribourg

Jerusalem and Its Sanctuaries as ‘Wissensoikonomie’ – Dynamics of Religious History and Its Monumental Stagings

5:00 p.m. ANGELIKA NEUWIRTH

Freie Universität Berlin

“What’s in a name?” The Destruction of the Temple and the Triumph of the ‘Remote Sanctuary’ in Nascent Islam

6:00 p.m. Refreshments

6:30 p.m. **Exchange on the Humboldt Forum Project with
Horst Bredekamp**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
(in German)

Chair: Kristiane Hasselmann



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FRIDAY, 29 JUNE 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Registration at the Humboldt-Box
- 9:30 a.m. Workshop 1:
Epistemic Territories: Dynamics of Knowledge in the Early Modern Republic of Letters
- Workshop 2:
Performing Economies: Changing and Exchanging Goods in Pre-Modern Ritual Communities
- Workshop 3:
Epistemic Networks
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch

- Chair: Horst Simon
- 2:00 p.m. ANDREA RAPP
Technische Universität Darmstadt
Codicological Knowledge in Digital Environments
- 3:00 p.m. ANDREAS GARDT
Universität Kassel
The 'Making of Facts' in Early Modern Theory and Use of Language
- 4:00 p.m. Coffee break

- Chair: Vladimir Glomb
- 4:30 p.m. MICHAEL PUETT
Harvard University
Formations of Knowledge in Chinese Late Antiquity
- 5:30 p.m. GYBURG UHLMANN
Freie Universität Berlin
The Economics of Philosophy in 4th Century Greece
- 6:30 p.m. Reception

WORKSHOP 1:

Epistemic Territories: Dynamics of Knowledge in the Early Modern Republic of Letters

This workshop examines epistemic processes of exchange and demarcation in various fields of the early modern Republic of Letters. Based on examples taken from the histories of medicine, grammar, rhetoric and mathematics (the reception of Thales in the 18th century), we wish to reflect upon the epistemic amalgamations emerging from the interactions between traditional scholarship and new (practical) knowledge as well as the mechanisms of distinction and exclusion that also seem inherent to economies of knowledge.

WORKSHOP 2:

Performing Economies: Changing and Exchanging Goods in Pre-Modern Ritual Communities

Pre-modern epistemic communities were often based on different, at times ritualized, 'economic' scenarios of trade, gift giving, exchange, and appropriation of objects. Traded goods such as cult objects, tools, machines or medical items constituted, contributed to and shaped the circulation of knowledge. Such practices asserted themselves and were reflected in a discursive, figurative and/or performative manner. The workshop will explore representations of ritualistic exchange from the disciplinary angles of Korean Studies, Jewish Studies and Medieval German Studies.

WORKSHOP 3:

Epistemic Networks

Building on the conceptual reworking of network theories in which the Collaborative Research Center "Episteme in Motion" takes the lead, the workshop puts the new model of *Wissensoikonomien* up for discussion in the field of the digital humanities. It highlights the collaboration between premodern philologies, literary and linguistic studies as well as computer science. The workshop aims at identifying specific cases of reciprocity as a major parameter in the history and dynamics of knowledge and will showcase tools which are developed to analyze and visualize knowledge transfer.

SATURDAY, 30 JUNE 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Registration at the Humboldt-Box
- Chair: Tilo Renz
- 10:00 a.m. FRANCESCA ROCHBERG
UC Berkeley
The Restoration of Ancient Cuneiform Knowledge and Its Implications
- 11:00 a.m. RUNE NYORD
Freie Universität Berlin
Motile Mythologies: (Re)Constituting Ancient Egyptian Ritual Knowledge in the Early 2nd Millennium BCE
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

- Chair: Nikolas Pissis
- 1:30 p.m. GERMANO MAIFREDA
Università degli Studi di Milano
Constructing Economic Knowledge in Renaissance Italy: Visuality, Marketplace and Money
- 2:30 p.m. MILTOS PECHLIVANOS
Freie Universität Berlin
Bibliothoiconomy: Greek *homines novi* in the Ottoman Tulip Era