



**Local Self-Governance and Weak Statehood:
Theoretical and Empirical Insights from an Interdisciplinary
Perspective**

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Organization: Prof. Dr. Rene Pfeilschifter, Dr. Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach

Time: Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Conference Schedule

Monday, 5. July 2021

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| 12:00- 12:30 | Welcome address by the Speaker of the Research Unit <i>Rene Pfeilschifter</i> Welcome address by the Vice President of the University of Würzburg <i>Doris Fischer</i> |
| 12:30- 14:00 | Opening Lecture <i>Gunnar Folke Schuppert</i> Law, Patronage and Communication as Pillars of Urban Governance |
| 14:00- 14:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

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| <p>14:30- 16:00</p> | <p>Panel 1: Concepts of self-governance Chair: <i>Dieter Neubert</i> / Discussant: <i>Christoph Lundgreen</i> <i>Susan Thomschke & Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach</i> When does local self-governance flourish? Rethinking the shadow of hierarchy in contexts of varying degrees of statehood <i>João Pedro Schmidt</i> State and good society: Elements of the political conception of liberal communitarianism</p> |
| <p>16:00- 16:30</p> | <p><i>Coffee break</i></p> |

From here on, we will proceed with two parallel sessions per slot.

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| <p>16:30- 18:00</p> | <p>Panel 2: Contested Space Chair: <i>Julia Verne</i> / Discussant: <i>Silvana Krause</i> <i>Axel Prestes Dürrnagel & Janneke Tiegna</i> Traditional self-organisation under socio-spatial pressure: Insights from vigilantism in Karangasso-Vigué and urban agriculture in Maputo <i>Jan Stenger</i> Christian monasticism as a nucleus of self-governance: the case of sixth-century Gaza</p> |
| <p>16:30- 18:00</p> | <p>Panel 3: Narratives and realities Chair: <i>Dominique Krüger</i> / Discussant: <i>Barbara Schmitz</i> <i>Cary Barber</i> Conflicting Authority in Roman North Africa: Maladministration, Distance, and the Undermining of Late Imperial Rule <i>Anna Si-Lu Hauser & Doris Fischer</i> Contested spaces of self-governance? Local participation in the context of China's photovoltaic poverty alleviation strategy</p> |

Tuesday, 6. July 2021

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| <p>9:00- 10:30</p> | <p>Panel 4: Collective rules in community life</p> <p>Chair: <i>Doris Fischer</i> / Discussant: <i>Oliver Hensengerth</i> <i>Adrian Erben & Dominique Krüger & Susan Thomschke</i></p> <p>Water for the people: Need and maintenance of water infrastructure in antiquity and the modern era <i>Andreas Schachner</i></p> <p>On the visibility of societal institutions and their development in material culture: the case of Boğazköy during the first Millennium BC</p> |
| <p>9:00- 10:30</p> | <p>Panel 5: Intentional weakness of statehood</p> <p>Chair: <i>Christoph Lundgreen</i> / Discussant: <i>Dieter Neubert</i> <i>Rotem Avneri Meir</i></p> <p>Honor the king, and his friends: A document honoring Simon in 1 Maccabees 14 and the extent of Hasmonean statehood</p> |
| <p>10:30- 11:00</p> | <p><i>Coffee break</i></p> |
| <p>11:00- 12:30</p> | <p>Panel 6: Collective identity and legitimization</p> <p>Chair: <i>Katja Werthmann</i> / Discussant: <i>Doris Fischer</i> <i>Anna Bennech & Matheus Zago</i></p> <p>Experiences of local self-regulation in a South Brazilian Town: Credit co-operative and community higher education <i>Jan Willem van Henten</i></p> <p>Fundamentals of Self-Government in the ancient Jewish Writing 4 Maccabees</p> |

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| <p>11:00- 12:30</p> | <p>Panel 7: Enforcing state rules – or not</p> <p>Chair: <i>Rene Pfeilschifter</i> / Discussant: <i>Eberhard Rothfuß</i> <i>Fabian Knopf</i></p> <p>Ptolemaic royal decrees between strong and weak statehood: Two ordinances of Ptolemy II on livestock and slaves in the Southern Levant <i>Rogers Hansine</i></p> <p>Taking over the city: Urban street vending in Maputo, Mozambique</p> |
| <p>12:30- 14:00</p> | <p><i>Lunch break</i></p> |
| <p>14:00- 15:30</p> | <p>Panel 8: Self-governance in action</p> <p>Chair: <i>Elísio Macamo</i> / Discussant: <i>Thomas Bierschenk</i> <i>Jörg Klinger</i></p> <p>Politics, administration and governance in the Hittite state <i>Valerie Adam & Jana Hock & Nestor Zanté</i></p> <p>Legitimization of local stakeholders: The non-state violent group of the Maccabees in Judea in the second century BCE and the vigilante group of the Koglwéogo in today's Burkina Faso</p> |
| <p>14:00- 15:30</p> | <p>Panel 9: Changing relations in urban communities</p> <p>Chair: <i>Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach</i> / Discussant: <i>João Pedro Schmidt</i> <i>Inês Macamo Raimundo</i></p> <p>Migration in Maputo city and ethnical cohesion among Africans. To what extent do ethnical ties contribute to inclusive growth? <i>Daniel Syrbe</i></p> <p>Urban Communities and the Weak Empire in Roman North Africa (first to sixth century CE)</p> |

Wednesday, 7. July 2021

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| <p>9:00- 10:30</p> | <p>Panel 10: Self-governance and interventions from outside Chair: <i>Eberhard Rothfuß</i> / Discussant: <i>Rene Pfeilschifter</i> <i>Francesco Cassini</i> Whose monuments? Italian urbanism and Roman interventions (2nd-1st century BCE) <i>Elísio Macamo</i> The politics of entitlement – local politics and claims-making in the context of Foreign Direct Investment</p> |
| <p>9:00- 10:30</p> | <p>Panel 11: Regime change Chair: <i>Andreas Schachner</i> / Discussant: <i>Hans-Joachim Lauth</i> <i>Souvidhya Khadka</i> Self-governance in Federal Nepal: Local Self-Governance and Weak Statehood: Theoretical and Empirical Insights from an Interdisciplinary Perspective</p> |
| <p>10:30- 11:00</p> | <p><i>Coffee break</i></p> |
| <p>11:00- 12:30</p> | <p>Panel 12: Self-governance in times of crisis Chair: <i>Barbara Schmitz</i> / Discussant: <i>Katja Werthmann</i> <i>Everjoy Grace Chiimba & Julia Verne</i> Disaster Communication beyond the State? Community Organizations, Informal Information Flows and the mediation of (mis)trust before and after Cyclone Idai in Zimbabwe <i>Sabrina Habich-Sobiegalla & Franziska Plümmer</i> 'Intelligent' lockdown: circulation and control in China's grid-style social management during the Covid-19 pandemic</p> |

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| 11:00-12:30 | <p>Panel 13: Local community building</p> <p>Chair: <i>Hans-Joachim Lauth</i> / Discussant: <i>Arthur Benz</i></p> <p><i>Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach</i></p> <p>Local self-governance and the common good: The role of bridging and bonding social capital</p> <p><i>Julia Schwarzer</i></p> <p>Church as Ekklesia. Collective Identity, Polis and Empire during the Third Exile of Athanasius of Alexandria</p> |
| 12:30-13:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 13:00-13:30 | Final remarks / Wrap up & end of conference |

Panel structure:

Each panel has 1-2 presentations, which will last 20 minutes each. Since the audience is interdisciplinary, the presentations should also briefly introduce the respective research logic. Discussants will then have 10 minutes to comment on the manuscripts (focus on three key points of critique/improvement for each paper). This will be followed by further discussion in plenary.