

Colloquium: “Reversing the Gaze: Working with the state”

Spring semester 2022 (March-May 2022)

The colloquium “Reversing the Gaze” is an interdisciplinary forum to reflect on methodological, conceptual and theoretical issues related to knowledge production in Area Studies and comparative social sciences.

In this semester, the colloquium will focus on the ways in which academic and non-academic interpretations of the concept of ‘the state’ vary in different contexts. Drawing from case studies of the research project “Reversing the Gaze” as well as guest talks, the sessions will shed light on research endeavors involving the travel and translation of concepts across different regions, disciplines and research foci.

Monday, 14.03.2022, 12:30-14:00	Is the state an ideological power?	Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba & Matthias Maurer Rueda (Centre for African Studies Basel/Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel)
Monday, 28.03.2022, 12:30-14:00	The Postcolonial African State in Transition	Lerato Posholi (Institute of European Global Studies, University of Basel)
Monday, 11.04.2022, 12:30-14:00	Retribalization and the State in Switzerland	Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba & Matthias Maurer Rueda (Centre for African Studies Basel/Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel)
Monday, 25.04.2022, 12:30-14:00	A Colonial History of Pensions: The East India Company and One Genesis for the Welfare State	Geeta Patel (Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages & Cultures/Women, Gender & Sexuality, University of Virginia)
Monday, 09.05.2022, 12:30-14:00	The State, Infrastructure, and Populism	Stephan Hochleithner (Department of Geography, University of Zurich)
Monday, 23.05.2022, 12:30-14:00	Review session	Stephan Hochleithner (Department of Geography, University of Zurich)

The colloquium takes place online via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please register via email to: rtg@unibas.ch.

This colloquium is co-organized by the Universities of Basel, Zurich, and Edinburgh as well as the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva) in the framework of the research project “Reversing the Gaze: Towards Post-Comparative Area Studies” (www.reversingthegaze.net).