

A MINOR COSMOPOLITAN INTERVENTION May 8-10, 2025

Free and open to all

Key Themes

Repairing + Collaborating

Description

Centered on the themes of repair and collaboration, the final event of the research training group (RTG) minor cosmopolitanisms offers an overview of nine years of transdisciplinary interventions while looking toward the future. The event seeks to facilitate experimental collaborations across disciplines, based on the RTG's core values of conviviality, geopolitical decentering, and social commitment. During its nine years of activity, the RTG sought to establish new ways of studying and understanding the cosmopolitan project against and beyond its Eurocentric legacies while addressing the systemic violence within historically colonial institutions. Building on the RTG's previous events *Minor Cosmopolitan Weekend* at HKW (2018) and *Minor Cosmopolitan Assembly* at silent green (2022), this final event engages with Berlin-based organizations and communities that critique and actively resist (neo)colonialism in its myriad forms.

What kinds of repair might (still) be possible on an increasingly volatile planet, with escalating environmental, military, economic and social crises threatening non/human lives and lifeworlds? As a word, "repair" might suggest radical interventions oriented toward emancipatory transformation; a return to the stasis of normative structures and states; temporary or ephemeral restorative periods; or the kinds of mundane, quotidian maintenance (metabolic and structural) necessary for the continuation of life. Through lectures, panels, talks, workshops and roundtables, the *Minor Cosmopolitan Intervention* experiments with reparative and collaborative interventions in doing, undoing, and redoing the cosmopolitan project.

The event is curated by Sofia Varino in collaboration with all members of the RTG minor cosmopolitanisms and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Please keep checking this space and our Instagram account @minorcosmopolitanisms for more information: <https://www.instagram.com/minorcosmopolitanisms/>

There will be online streaming available for some of the conference's events. These events are marked in the program below.

The stream will be available using the following link and passcode:

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday May, 08 - Saturday May, 10 | Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin

Anton-Wilhelm-Amo-Str. (former M*str.) 40/41, 10117 Berlin

10 am - 6 pm daily

Exhibition | This World Is An Other World: Sketches, Photographs, Writings.

Curated by Abiral Kumar and Mainak Mitra

Room 409

Thursday May 8 | Haus der Kulturen der Welt

John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557 Berlin

2pm-3:30pm Parallel Sessions

PANEL | Bodies on the (Digital) Margins: The Politics of Solidarity and Resistance in the Age of “Smart Borders”

Organized by Mohammad Dalla

Moderated by Mohammad Dalla and Ricarda Theobald

With Nuno Ferreira, Francesca Schmidt, Ali Tutar, Ahmed Awadalla and Oğuz Şerbetçi

Haunani-Kay Trask Hall

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PANEL | Nonbinary Futures: Reflections on a Forthcoming Special Issue of *Continuum Journal*

Organized and moderated by Claude Kempen and CQ Quinan

With Nana Bauernfeind, Ezra Oosthoek, and Simon(e) von Saarloos

Teresia Teaiwa Room

3:30pm-4pm Break

4pm-5:30pm Parallel Sessions

ARTIST TALK | Rest\less[m]ess: Articulations of The Otherwise Discarded Listening and Viewing Session

Organized and moderated by Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem and defayasite kolektif

With Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem (aka Wan wo Layir) and Abiral Kumar

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WORKSHOP | Weaving Wor(l)ds: Collaborative Practices for Just Presents and Futures

Organized by Isadora Cardoso

Facilitated by Fatim Selina Diaby and Nary Götze from Climate Justice Berlin Kollektiv

Teresia Teaiwa Room

5:30pm-7pm Break

7pm-9pm Spotlight Session

LAUNCH | Echoes from the Land, Water, and Sky: Launch of Forest Notebooks

(Black Echologies Series by Chimurenga)

Organized and moderated by [Saskia Köbschall](#)

With Mario Lewis, Mishca Peters, Aouefa Amoussouvi, Dudetsang Thabane, Moses März and [Saskia Köbschall](#)

Safi Faye Hall

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9pm-midnight Opening Night

PARTY | Minor Cosmopolitan Intervention Opening Night Party

With DJ Makossiri

Angie Stardust Foyer

Friday May 9 | [Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin](#)

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1pm-2:30pm Parallel Sessions

ROUNDTABLE | Art, Culture, Education and Global Contemporaneity – an Exploring Visual Cultures Initiative

Organized by Lize Kriel in cooperation with Co-Making Matters

Moderated by Lize Kriel, Ernst Wagner and Avi Sooful

With Elsa Cuissard, Benjamin Merten, Runette Kruger, Bernadette van Haute and Viviane Tabach

IfEE 408

PANEL | Re-Schooling Society: Cosmopolitanism and Mofussil Education in Contemporary India

With Madhumeeta Sinha, Yogesh Maitreya, [Florian Schybilski](#) and [Satish Poduval](#)

IfEE 311

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WORKSHOP | Queer Asylum Policy Lab

Facilitated by Nuno Ferreira and [Mohammad Dalla](#)

IfEE 312

**Pre-registration required. Please register by sending an email by May 1st with the subject line "Workshop Registration" to mohammad.dalla.1@uni-potsdam.de*

2:30pm-3pm Break

3pm-4:30pm Parallel Sessions

PANEL | Weaving Webs across the World: Networks of Knowledge from the Pacific to Finland and Germany in the Long 19th Century

Organized and moderated by Sebastian Jablonski

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With Mikko Myllyntausta, Sebastian Jablonski, Hermann Mückler
IfEE 311

WORKSHOP | Theorising the crush as reparative
Organized and led by Hannah McCann
IfEE 312

LISTENING SESSION | Listening In: A Collective Sonic Improvisation
Organized and led by [Marcus Boon](#) and [Abiral Kumar](#)
IfEE 408 and IfEE 409

4:30pm-5pm Break

5pm-6pm Amo Salon Intervention

**INTERVENTION | Insurgent Reparation: The Infrastructural
Imaginary and Forms of Repair**
By Henry Ivry
Amo Salon

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Friday May 9 | [Savvy Contemporary](#)
Reinickendorfer Straße 17, 13347 Berlin

8pm-11pm Spotlight Session

**INTERVENTION | Sensory Democracy: Can the Left Reclaim
the Topology of Affect?**
Organized and moderated by the Collaborations Research Unit
team and the Minor Cosmopolitan Intervention team
An intervention by Arjun Appadurai with contributions by
Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung, Regina Römhild and Dirk
Wiemann

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Saturday May 10 | [Spore Initiative](#)
Hermannstraße 86, 12051 Berlin-Neukölln

1:30pm-3:30pm Screening

FILM | Tilism-e Jahān: Fragments from an unfinished film
Organized by Abiral Kumar
With Abiral Kumar and Mainak Mitra
Followed by a conversation between Sarnath Banerjee, Mainak
Mitra, Priyam Goswami-Choudhury, and Abiral Kumar.
Auditorium

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2pm-3:30pm Parallel Sessions

ROUNDTABLE | Diasporic Returns

Organized by the ERC Research Group “Tales of the Diasporic Ordinary”
With Fenja Akinde-Hummel, Elahe Haschemi Yekani, Thao Ho, Anja Sunhyun Michaelsen and Anne Potjans

Workshop 1 (02.03)

PANEL | "Cross-Pollinating the Minor Cosmos"

With Anni Fender, Baldeep Kaur and Kylie Crane

Seminar room (02.02)

3:30pm-4pm Break

4pm-5:30pm Parallel Sessions

FILM | Aşît ve Aşîti: Avalanche and Peace- Rethinking Kurdish Question through Violence, Destruction and Memory

Organized and moderated by Zeynep Turkyilmaz

With Pinar Ogrençi

Auditorium

CONVERSATION | “A radicle reaching for a home in the earth”: collaborative nature writing

Organized and moderated by Anna von Rath and Lucy Gasser

With Jessica J. Lee and Nina Mingya Powles

Workshop 1 (02.03)

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ROUNDTABLE | Collective Reading as Intervention. On Fascism and Alt-Right Literature(s)

Organized by [Sofie Fingado](#)

Moderated by [Sophia Doyle](#)

With Neela Janssen, Andreas Gehrlach and Stephan Zandt

Seminar room (02.02)

5:30-6:30pm Culinary Intervention

6:30pm-8pm Spotlight Session

PANEL | Dialogue Across Generations: Indigenous Scholarship and Activism (Atrium)

Organized and moderated by [Chris Healy](#)

With Tony Birch, [Keith Camacho](#), [Hereata Pereyre](#), [Brigalow](#)

[Joaquin McIntosh](#) and Tamatoa Tepuhiarii

Atrium

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8pm Closing Night

PARTY | Closing Night Party

With the Minor Cosmopolitan Intervention speakers and the RTG minor cosmopolitanisms team

Spore Café and Garden