

**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 *minor cosmopolitanisms* research training group 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 has 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 the 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 in an increasingly volatile planet, with escalating environmental, military, economic and social crises threatening non/human lives and life worlds? 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 organized by the RTG *minor cosmopolitanisms* with funding from the DFG (German Research Foundation).

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday May 8 | Haus der Kulturen der Welt

2pm-3:30pm Parallel Sessions

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

Organized and moderated by Mohammad Dalla
With Nuno Ferreira and guests TBC

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

Organized and moderated by Claude Kempen and CQ Quinan

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), Venayuver Marc (aka Wan Shey), h.n lyonga and Abiral Kumar

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

Facilitated by Climate Justice Berlin Kollektiv

7pm-9pm Keynote Session

LAUNCH | Chimurenga Book Series: “Riots of Our Hands, Deep as Revolt”

Organized and moderated by Saskia Köbschall
With Mishca Peters, Duduestang Lamola, Memory Biwa, Moses März and Aouefa Amoussouvi

9pm-midnight Opening Night Party with DJ Makossiri

Friday May 9 | Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin

1:30pm-3pm Parallel Sessions

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

Organized 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

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

With Madhumeeta Sinha, Florian Schybilski and Satish Poduval

WORKSHOP | Queer Asylum Policy Lab

Organized and moderated by Mohammad Dalla

With Nuno Ferreira and guests TBC

**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*

3:15-4:45pm 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

With Mikko Myllyntausta, Sebastian Jablonski, Hermann Mückler

WORKSHOP | Theorising the crush as reparative

Organized and led by Hannah McCann

LISTENING SESSION | Listening In: A Collective Sonic Improvisation

Organized and led by Marcus Boon and Abiral Kumar

5:30pm-6:30pm Amo Salon Keynote Lecture

LECTURE | Insurgent Reparation: The Infrastructural Imaginary and Forms of Repair

By Henry Ivry

Friday May 9 | Savvy Contemporary

7pm-11pm Savvy Contemporary Special Session

PANEL | Revisiting Shifting Ethnoscapes

Organized and moderated by the Collaborations Research Unit

With Arjun Appadurai and Bonaventure Ndikung

Saturday May 10 | Spore Initiative

2-3:30pm Parallel Sessions

ROUNDTABLE | Diasporic Returns (Atrium)

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

FILM | Travelling Through Tilisms: A surrealist travelogue from page to screen (Auditorium)

Organized by Abiral Kumar

With Abiral Kumar and Mainak Mitra

PANEL | "Cross-Pollinating the Minor Cosmos" (Studio)

With Anni Fender, Baldeep Kaur Grewal and Kylie Crane

4-5:30pm Parallel Sessions

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

Organized and moderated by Anna von Rath and Lucy Gasser

With Jessica J. Lee and Nina Mingya Powles

FILM | Aşîr ve Aşîfî: Avalanche and Peace- Rethinking Kurdish Question through Violence, Destruction and Memory (Auditorium)

Organized and moderated by Zeynep Turkyilmaz

With Pinar Ogrenci

ROUNDTABLE | Collective reading as intervention: On delving into fascism and alt-right literature(s), together (Studio)

Organized and moderated by Sofie Fingado and Sophia Doyle

With Neela Janssen and Andreas Gehrlach

6:30pm-8pm Special Session

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

Organized and moderated by Chris Healy

With Tony Birch, Keith Camacho, Hereata Pereyre and Brigalow Joaquin McIntosh

8pm Closing Night Party