Summary

The aim of this workshop is twofold: first, we are interested in discussing comparison as a methodology integral to developing a transregional approach to philosophy in the Middle East and South Asia. Second, we put a thematic focus on time and temporality. This focus is not coincidental because not only are time and its manifold conceptualisations relevant as an object of comparison but they also play a constitutive role in setting up the coordinates of comparisons. Reflecting upon comparison through notions of time is therefore, on the one hand, a useful way to politicise and mark comparison as a particular practice. On the other hand, discussions of time and temporality might help to envision different practices of comparison that enable an alternative transregional perspective while avoiding Eurocentric frames of comparison.

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Workshop

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**Day 1**

**Friday, 3 June 2016**

**9.30 - 10**
Bettina Gräf (Managing Director BGSMCS)
Welcome

Roman Seidel and Nils Riecken
Welcome & Introduction

**10 - 10.30**
Coffee break

**Panel 1:** Philosophy from a transregional perspective I
Chair: Nils Riecken (ZMO, Berlin / Freie Universität Berlin)

**10.30 - 11.30**
Roman Seidel (BGSMCS, Freie Universität Berlin)
Comparing Now and Then.
How to Engage with Middle Eastern Philosophy from a Comparative Perspective, and Why

Mohammad Mahdi Mojahedi
(BGSMCS, Freie Universität Berlin / Mofid University, Qom)
Comparativity and Contemporaneity.
A Critical-Rational Notion of Comparative Philosophy as a Critical Heuristic Device

Discussant: Anke von Kügelgen (Universität Bern)

**12.30 - 1.30**
Lunch at the BGSMCS

**Panel 2:** Philosophy from a transregional perspective II
Chair: Roman Seidel (BGSMCS, Freie Universität Berlin)

**2 - 3**
Kata I. Moser (Universität Bern, Walter Benjamin Kolleg)
The Contemporaneity of Contemporary Arabic Philosophy: Some Remarks on the Arabic Reception of Heidegger and Hegel

Jan-Peter Hartung (SOAS, University of London)
Two “Times” after Iqbal

Discussant: Anke von Kügelgen (Universität Bern)

**3 - 4**
Coffee Break

**Day 2**

**Saturday, 4 June 2016**

**Panel 4:** Temporalities and narratives of history
Chair: Saadi Nikro (ZMO, Berlin)

**10 - 11**
Abed Azzam (Berlin)
The Temporality of the Death of God between Orient and Occident

**11 - 11.30**
Coffee break

Islam Dayeh (Seminar für Semitistik und Arabistik, Freie Universität Berlin)
Setting the Qur'an in life. On Temporalities of Interpretation

Discussant: Ruth Mas (BGSMCS, Freie Universität Berlin)

**12.30 - 1.30**
Lunch at the BGSMCS

**1.30 - 2.30**
Nils Riecken (ZMO, Berlin / Freie Universität Berlin)
Relational Difference, Time, and the Refracted Grounds of Comparison: Abdallah Larouj’s Critique of Centrism

Discussant: Henning Trüper (Technische Universität Berlin)

**2.30 - 3.30**
Final discussion

**3.30**
End of workshop