



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

**Via Militaris, Orta Kol, Orient Express, Autoput.  
Transformations of a Route**

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11 November 2016

Humboldt Universität Berlin, Main Building, Room 2249a  
Organised by Nenad Stefanov (HU Berlin) and Florian Riedler (ZMO)

9:30-10:00

Welcome and Introduction to the Topic “Orta Kol”  
FLORIAN RIEDLER and NENAD STEFANOV

Idea and Concept of the Project “Phantom-Borders”  
HANNES GRANDITS (HU Berlin) and NORA LAFI (ZMO)

10:00-11:00

**Key Notes**

Chair: HANNES GRANDITS

Lines of Communication across Regions and Epochs: Conceptual  
Thoughts in a „Transottoman“ Context  
STEFAN ROHDEWALD (Justus Liebig Universität Giessen)

Communities and Communication in Plovdiv in the 1870s to 1890s:  
Living with Boundaries  
DOBRINKA PARUŠEVA (Plovdivski Universitet Pajisij Hilendarski)

11:00-11:15

**Coffee-Break**

11:15-13:00

**Panel 1**

Chair: ANDREAS HELMEDACH (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Via Diagonalis/Via Traiana in the Middle Ages  
VLADIMIR ALEKSIĆ (Univerzitet u Nišu)

Transforming the Landscape of the Constantinople (Tsarigrad) Road:  
Ottoman Derbents along the Dragoman–Niš Route and their Impact on  
Social Mobility and Identity in the 15th and 16th centuries  
TATJANA KATIĆ (Istorijski Institut Beograd)

Marking Imperial Territory: Ottoman Caravanserais along the Orta Kol  
Robin Wimmel (TU Berlin)

13:00-14:30

**Lunch**

14:30-15:30

**Panel 2**

Chair: NENAD STEFANOV

The Orta Kol as Mental Map and Historical Region  
FLORIAN RIEDLER (ZMO)

Defining the Limits of the Railroads: Enclosure and Built Environment  
on the Oriental Railway  
ŞAHİKA KARATEPE (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi İstanbul)

15:30-15:45

**Coffee Break**

15:45-16:45

**Panel 3**

Chair: FLORIAN RIEDLER

Routes and Boundaries: Small Places between Periphery and  
Communication Lines: Caribrod/Dimitrovgrad from the 1880s to the  
1980s  
NENAD STEFANOV (HU Berlin)

“A Road of Destiny”: The Guest Workers’ Route as an Example for  
Practices of Mobility and International Transport Policy  
MANFRED PFAFFENTHALER (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz)

16:45-17:00

**Coffee Break**

17:00-18:00

**Concluding Discussion**

PHANTOMGRENZEN  
  
IN OSTMITTELEUROPA



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