



Workshop Schedule

Between Empires and Revolutions:

Reconsidering the Sino–Burma Borderlands

1st December, 2025, 4–6pm

R. 010.01.05, CATS Auditorium, Voßstraße 2, 69115 Heidelberg

Format:

Each presenter will have **20 minutes** for presentation followed by **10 minutes** of discussion.

16:00–17:00 | Round One

Chair: *Dr. Zhengyang Jiang*

1. Prof. Dr. Eric Vanden Bussche

Title: *Mapping the Sino-Burmese Borderlands: Qing Territorial Claims and the Circulation of Cartographic Knowledge in the Late Nineteenth Century*

2. Dr. Egas Bender de Moniz Bandeira

Title: *Taw Sein Ko, Li Zhuchi, and the “Rangoon Society for Broad Equipment with Knowledge”: Burma and Political Reform in Early Twentieth-Century China*

17:00–18:00 | Round Two

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Xin Zhang*

3. Dalu Zhong

Title: *The Buddhist Battlefield: Centering Transculturation in the Sino-Burma Borderlands during World War II*



4. Dr. Ning Zhang

Title: *Whose Revolution, and for Whom? Chinese Youth, Overseas Chinese, and the Crisis of Identity in the Burmese Communists' Armed Struggle*

Presenters' Biographies

Prof. Dr. Eric Vanden Bussche is an Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and is currently a Worldmaking fellow at the University of Göttingen. His research and teaching examine the historical and contemporary dimensions of border disputes in East and Southeast Asia, as well as the transnational processes shaping Chinese immigration to Brazil. He holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Dr. Ning Zhang is a Research Associate at the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Göttingen, affiliated with the project "World-Making: A Dialogue with China." She is currently working on a book manuscript examining Chinese volunteers who joined the Communist Party of Burma's armed struggle between the 1960s and 1989. She received her PhD from Fudan University in China.

Dr. Egas Bender de Moniz Bandeira holds a PhD from the Universities of Heidelberg (Germany) and Tohoku (Japan). He works as a researcher at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg and as an affiliated researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the History and Theory of Law in Frankfurt.

Dalu Zhong is a third-year Ph.D. candidate in Transcultural Studies at Heidelberg University. His research focuses on the transcultural histories in the Yunnan borderlands during the Second World War, especially the contested identities of the Dai and Naxi people.