

**In/tangible connections:  
material, embodied and sensory stories of global dis:connection**

Käte Hamburger Research Centre global dis:connect

Munich, 18-19 June 2026

**Conveners: Kate Stevens, Erika Zerwes**

**Thursday, 18 June**

9:15 **Registration** (venue: Maria-Theresia-Straße 21, 81675 Munich)

9:30-11:00 **Whakawhanaungatanga** Welcome and round of introduction

11:00-11:30 **Morning tea**

11:30-13:00 **Session 1 *Material dis:connect in colonial archives***

**Chair: Toby Yuen-Gen Liang**

**Myra Mentari Abubakar** *Archival frictions: the material and embodied disconnections of Cut Nyak Din*

**Luisa Marten** *(Re-)making connections through the archive: Markus Mailopu and the second Freiburg Moluccan expedition*

**Otman Bychou** *Disorienting encounters between Moroccan colonial soldiers and Europeans during the Second World War: what remains and what is lost*

13:00-14:00 **Lunch (on-site)**

14:00-15:30 **Session 2 *Taste from tangible to digital worlds***

**Chair: Erika Zerwes**

**L. Sasha Gora** *A fish without a head*

**Aayushi Chatterjee and Dishari Chattaraj** *Digital disconnections and ritual ecologies of food: reconfigured community knowledge among Santal youth in Purulia*

**Kate Stevens** *Liquid histories and solidifying stories through coconut oil*

15:30-16:00 **Afternoon tea**

16:00-17:30 *“Smell talk” and “smell walk” with **Kate McLean** towards Wiener Platz*

18:00 **Dinner** at Biergarten am Muffatwerk, Zellstraße 4, 81667 Munich

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**Friday, 19 June**

9:00-9:30 **Alternative presentation**

**Chair: Kate Stevens**

**Camila Villegas** *Re-vuelta corporal: the body as sensory archive of political dis:connection*

9:30-10:30 **Session 3 Visual and built worlds**

**Chair: Kate Stevens**

**Molly M. Brandt** *Sensing the unseen: Pfizer, Expo 58 and the possibility of a counter-antibiotic era*

**Erika Zerwes** *In/tangible scars. Visual representations of Brazilian social minorities in the context of 1970s Latin America*

10:30-11:00 **Morning tea**

11:00-12:00 **Session 4 In/tangible migration stories**

**Chair: Clemens Finkelstein**

**Ekaterina Aygün** *Fragmented object biographies: commission shops and the dis:connection of 'Russian' émigré belongings in Istanbul*

**Felicia Cucuta** *Embodied stories of global dis:connection: care, blue poetics and sensory storytelling in diasporic Korean-Canadian performance*

**Oliver Keller** *Railroad braceros. Dis:connected maintainers of material connections*

12:30-13:00 **Lunch Break (on-site)**

13:00-15:00 **Session 5 Making sense of worlds through water**

**Chair: Erika Zerwes**

**Antigoni Memou** *Intangible traces of border violence: Forensic Oceanography's image co-creation, militant research and 'counter-forensics'*

**Hira Rasool** *Remembering Nila: ways of thinking, knowing and being with land and water*

15:00-15:15 **Short refreshment break**

15:15-16:00 **Closing discussion**

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