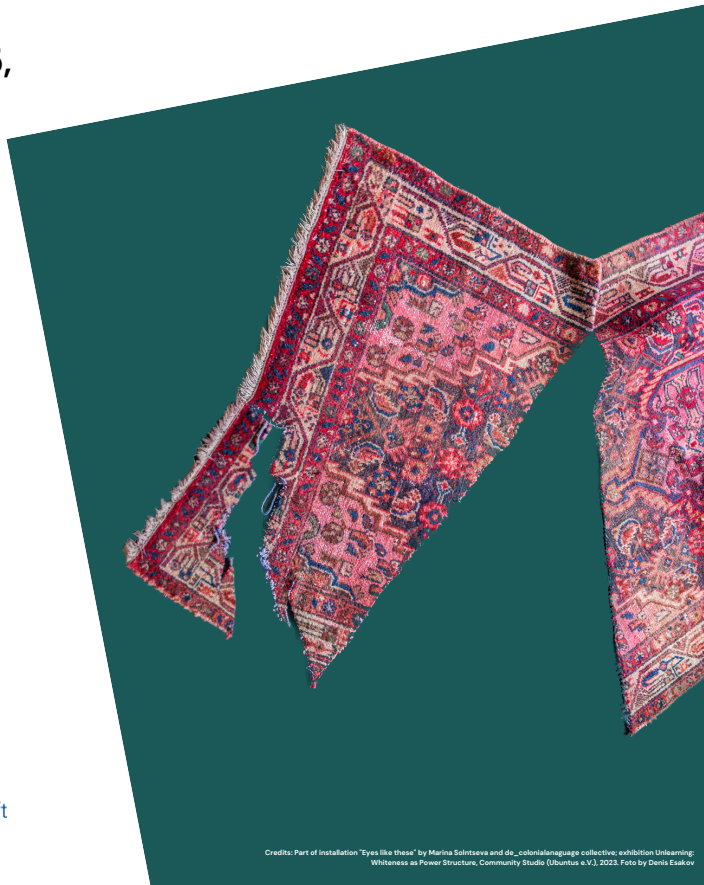


10 – 11 February 2025

Workshop "Neo-Eurasianist Histories: Imperial Politics and Narrations of the Past"

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The political ideology of "Neo-Eurasianism," which has gained concrete political influence in Russia in recent years, not only employs narratives of an imperial future but also those concerning the origins of Eurasia and its conflicts. These neo-Eurasianist aetiologies are the subject of our international workshop. The workshop discusses various perspectives on neo-Eurasianist historical narratives. It focuses on exploring the processes of historical construction in contemporary Russia and in countries, communities, and collectives often referred to as "post-Soviet": How do contemporary imperial ideologies in Russia interpret specific historical events? Which political myths are reproduced and retold? To what extent do Western-centered narratives ("The West against Russia/Eurasia") dominate, and to what extent are they deconstructed? How do narratives about origin and foundation contribute to knowledge production in imperial and colonial systems, and how are they related to political agendas?

Workshop in a hybrid format - participation possible in person & via Webex (link upon registration)

Registration for the workshop until January 31, 2025 via anmeldung@aitiologie.de

10 February 2025, Monday

11:30 – 12:00 Welcome Coffee and Snacks

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome & Introduction (Eva Hausteiner/Marina Solntseva)

12:15 – 14:15 Panel 1

Anton Shekhovtsov (Central European University, Vienna)
Alexander Dugin's Neo-Eurasianism and the Russian-Ukrainian War

Markus Mathyl (University of Passau)
Orientation North – on the myth of origin in Alexander Dugin's thinking

14:15 – 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:45 Panel 2

Diana Kudaibergen (University of Cambridge) – Webex
A decolonial attempt to rethink "Eurasia"

Marlene Laruelle (George Washington University) – Webex
(Neo)Eurasianisms as Rethinking Center and Periphery

16:45 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 Panel 3

Ilya Budraitskis (University of California, Berkeley) – Webex
Regimes of Historicity in Putin's ideology

18:15 – 19:30 Key Note

Mark Bassin (Södertörn University)
**"The Gumilev Paradox"
Was the последний евразиец really a Eurasianist?**

11 February 2025, Tuesday

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 12:00 Panel 4

Andreas Umland (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)
Dugin's role in Russian public discourse: Between political marginality and journalistic relevance

Gulnaz Sibgatullina (University of Amsterdam) – Webex
Eurasianism in post-Soviet official Islamic discourses

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 Panel 5

Yevheniia Shyshkina (National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute")
Zinoviev's "Homo Sovieticus" – Concept as a Component of Z-Ideology

Katharina Bluhm (Freie Universität Berlin)

Who won? Neo-Eurasianism in Panarin, Zymburski and Dugin