

# Conference: Minorities in Myanmar

5-7 October 2020, Linden-Museum Stuttgart and Myanmar Institut e.V.

## Provisional Program

### Panel 1 Minority politics of the state / Pluralism / Majority perspectives

05.10. 2:00-6:00 pm

Time	Name	Institution	Title of the Presentation
14:00-14:10	Prof Dr Inés de Castro	Linden-Museum Stuttgart	Welcome Address of the Museum's Director
14:10-14:20	Dr Georg Noack	Linden-Museum Stuttgart	Opening Address
14:30-15:00	José María Arraiza and Phyu Zin Aye (Rima)	Advisor, Norwegian Refugee Council  Mahidol University, Bangkok	Is There an Alternative to Nativism? Exploring the Alternatives to Mainstream Xenophobia and Discrimination Against Minorities in Contemporary Myanmar (Virtual presentation)
15:00-15:30	Dr Thi Thi Lwin	Dept. of Law, East Yangon University, Yangon	Practical issues of the protection of the language rights of ethnic group through legal framework in Myanmar (Virtual presentation)
15:30-16:00	Edgard Rodriguez Laura Petersen	International Development Research Centre, Canada/Myanmar	Promoting inclusive research in Myanmar
16:00-16:30	Coffee break		
16:30-17:00	Dr Michal Lubina	Jagiellonian University, Krakow	Panglong (myth) and beyond. Aung San Suu Kyi's approach to ethnic minorities in Myanmar
17:00-17:30	Moritz Fink	Willy Brandt School of Public Policy / Erfurt University	Contested State- and Nation-Building in Myanmar. Approaches towards a common vision?
17:30 - 18:00	Stephanie Verlaan	Alice Salomon University Berlin	Informal Local Governance Actors in Myanmar: The forgotten pioneers for peace

**19:30 pm Screening of new Myanmar Short Films** presented at Myanmar's Wathann Independent Film Festival 2020 with introductions by Diana Tobias, Goethe-Institut Myanmar, Chairwoman, Myanmar Institut e.V.

## Panel 2: Religious and Ethnic Minorities

06.10. 10:00 am -12:00 pm

10:00-10:30	Prof Dr Judith Beyer	Konstanz University	Communal Sense. We-formation and the work of community in Myanmar
10:30-11:00	Dr Phuong Le Trong	Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies (IOA) University of Bonn	The Shan – Narratives and Nationalism
11:00-11:30	Sarah Riebel	Konstanz University	Harmonious Coexistence? Interfaith dialogue between (ethno-)religious communities, NGOs and the state in Myanmar
11:30 – 12:00	André Müller	Zürich University	The internal structure of the verb complex across the Kachin languages

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14:30-15:00	Abellia Anggi	Tilburg University	The impact of COVID-19 on the vulnerable groups in Northern Rakhine State
15:00-15:30	Md. Matiul Hoque Masud	University of Chittagong / University of Oldenburg	Understanding the Rohingya Refugee 'Crisis' in Myanmar: The Individual, the State and the International System
15:30-16:00	Coffee break		
16:00-16:30	Prof. Dr Alan Potkin	Northern Illinois University, De Kalb	Impasse on the Lower Salween/Thanlwin: is it resolvable?
16:30-17:00	Catherine Raymond	Northern Illinois University, DeKalb	Giving a Voice To Their Own Communities

**17:30 pm Guided Tour:** An exhibition curated by representatives of the Kayan Literature and Culture Central Committee (Pekon) and the Kayaw Literature and Culture Central Committee (Loikaw) at the Linden-Museum. Short talk on the cooperation between the Linden-Museum and the two Committees.  
Dr Georg Noack, head of the Southeast Asia department, Linden-Museum Stuttgart.

**19:30 pm Conference Dinner**, preregistration necessary, details to be announced shortly

## Panel 3: Diverse Aspects of Myanmar Society

07.10.2020 10:00 – 13:00

10:00-10:30	Yuzana Khine Zaw	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Managing with 'nar-lel-hmu' or mutual understanding - Medicines, Markets, Drug Shops, and Regulators in Yangon, Myanmar
10:30-11:00	Dr Felix Girke	Konstanz University	Children drawing Yangon: Learning to see the(ir) city
11:00-11:30	Johanna Neumann	Humboldt-University Berlin	Gender, Nationalism and Zat Pwe
11:30-12:00	Carolin Hirsch	Konstanz University	Becoming rebel - Performing social minority through a punk collective
12:00-12:30	Prof. Dr Tilman Frasch	Manchester Metropolitan University	"Foreigners, Minorities and Buddhist Cosmopolitanism in Bagan"