

Due to its pharmacological ability to influence the human body and behavior, alcohol consumption and policies are often examined as a prism for understanding societal norms and questions of power. But alcohol practices also reveal how concepts such as freedom, appropriate behavior, control, and gender are practiced in society and promoted by the state. Yet, while much has been written about alcohol's role in modern western democracies, we know little about how alcohol is discussed, managed, promoted, and appropriated under illiberal regimes. Alcohol consumption had been a feature of social life for centuries and was an integral part of traditional rituals in most societies. Dealing with alcohol, therefore, constituted a particular challenge for modern illiberal regimes which aimed to control and transform society.

The international workshop aims to better understand how leaders and people in autocratic, authoritarian, dictatorial, and colonial regimes in different regions of the world dealt with issues of alcohol consumption and production during the long 20th century. The workshop explores whether these political regimes also produced particular drinking policies and practices.

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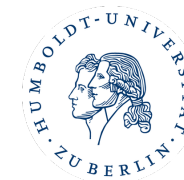


**Drink and Power**  
**Alcohol and the**  
**Making of Illiberal Regimes**  
**in the Long 20th Century**



**15/16 March 2019**

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## Friday 15 March 2019

### 9.30am-9.45am

Welcome by Sina Fabian (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and Botakoz Kassymbekova (Forum Transregionale Studien/Technische Universität Berlin)

### 9.45am-10.15am

**Hasso Spode** (Technische Universität Berlin), Historical Alcohol Research – Introductory Remarks

### 10.15am-12.15pm

#### **Temperance Movements and Illiberal Regimes**

**Guntis Vāveris** (University of Latvia), Temperance Town Planning in Riga as a Backlash to Russia's Alcohol Policy. Case Study of the Suburb of Mīlgrāvis (1900–1914)

**Sabine Schaller** (Magdeburg Municipal Archive), Volunteering to curb alcoholism. Changes and challenges for anti-alcohol clubs in Prussian Magdeburg with the National Socialists coming to power in 1933

**Elife Biçer-Deveci** (Oxford University), Discourses about Alcohol Problem and Ban of Alcohol in Iran and Turkey in the 20th Century

**Chair: Hasso Spode**, Technische Universität Berlin

### 12.15pm-1.15pm Lunch

### 1.15pm-2.45pm

#### **Alcohol and the Soviet State**

**Pavel Vasilyev** (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute), From Prohibition to Legalization – And the Other Way Around. A Comparative Study of Russian Alcohol and Drug Policy, 1914-1929  
**Botakoz Kassymbekova** (Technische Universität Berlin), Islam, Alcohol and the Soviet State

**Chair: Sina Fabian**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

### 2.45pm-3pm Coffee Break

### 3pm-4.30pm

#### **Alcohol and Fascism**

**Kate Ferris**, (University of St Andrews), The Natural Ally of the Campaign Against Alcohol? Italian Women and Alcohol Consumption in Fascist Italy

**Sina Fabian** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Alcohol, Celebration, and “Volksgemeinschaft”

**Chair: Michael Wildt**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

### 4.30pm-5pm Coffee Break

### 5pm-6.30pm

#### **Alcohol and War**

**Peter Steinkamp** (Ulm University), German Soldiers during WWII

**Katarzyna J. Cwiertka** (Leiden University), Alcohol and the Asia-Pacific War (1937-1945)

**Chair: Botakoz Kassymbekova**, Forum Transregionale Studien/Technische Universität Berlin

### 7.30pm Conference Dinner

## Saturday 16 March 2019

### 9.30am-10am

**Dmitri van den Bersselaar** (Leipzig University), Alcohol and Colonial Rule in Africa – Introductory Remarks

### 10am-11.30am

#### **Alcohol and Colonial Regimes**

**Sebastian Beese** (University of St. Gallen), A Matter of Hierarchy.

Alcohol Consumption in the German Colonies

**Darinee Alagirisamy** (University of Hong Kong), Church before Nation? Christians and Prohibition Policy in Late Colonial India

**Chair: Dmitri van den Bersselaar**, Leipzig University

### 11.30am-11.45am Coffee Break

### 11.45am-1.15pm

#### **Alcohol as “Capitalist Evil”**

**Markus Wahl** (Institute for the History of Medicine, Stuttgart),

Alcoholism and Socialism – Fighting the Remnant of Capitalism in the German Democratic Republic

**Simon Yin** (Hefei University, China), Alcohol Ban in Xi Jinping's Anti-Corruption Campaign in China

**Chair: Mathias Grote**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

### 1.15pm-2.15pm Lunch

### 2.15pm-3pm Final Discussion