

## How to Think the Global?

Recent debates on globalization have challenged the idea of the globe as a pre-existing and all-encompassing entity. The focus has turned towards different and situated modes of doing globalization. This conference suggests understanding the global as the effect of particular, fragmented and material operations. We seek to explore and compare different forms of dis/connectivity. Finance, diplomacy, law, consumption, transport and migration depend for their global reach on specific forms of connectivity. While finance is tied by networks of information; global commodity chains depend on logistical organization of space. Where political and legal norms travel by citation and standardization, security measures enlist contagious logics of affect. Each form of connectivity is constitutively linked to different materialities and media and is characterized by different temporalities and intensities.

At this conference we will ask how different materialities and logics of connectivity intertwine. How do these modes differ in terms of density, speed and diffusion? How can we theorize the materiality of these connective links? Are there tipping points that turn connectivity into disconnectivity?



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# OPERATIONS OF THE GLOBAL – EXPLORATIONS OF DIS/CONNECTIVITY

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Heilwigstraße 116  
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Conference Program



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## THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2011

10.30 am  
Registration

11.00-11.30  
**How to Study the Global – The Materiality of Dis/Connectivity (Introduction)**  
Ute Tellmann, Sven Opitz, Urs Stäheli (University of Hamburg)

### PANEL I: AFFECTS, CONTAGION AND IMITATION

Chair: Marianne Pieper (University of Hamburg)

11.30-12.30  
**Digital Contagion and Virtual Fallout: Of Immunization and Counter-Epidemics in Cyberspace**  
Myriam Dunn Cavelty (ETH Zurich)

12.30-13.30  
**Governing Fanatics and Contagion: Paradoxes and Contradictions of Global Securitization**  
Michael Dillon (Lancaster University / Şehir University, Istanbul)

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30  
**Tarde's Phantom Takes a Deadly Line of Flight**  
Tony David Sampson (University of East London)

15.30-16.30  
**Listing the Global: Dis/Connections beyond Representation?**  
Urs Stäheli (University of Hamburg)

16.30-17.00 Break

### PANEL II TRANSLATION, CITATION, STANDARDIZATION

Chair: Susanne Krasmann (University of Hamburg)

17.00-18.00  
**Border as a Method**  
Brett Neilson (University of Western Sydney) and  
Sandro Mezzadra (University of Bologna)

18:00-19:00  
**The Autonomy of Migration and the Digital Border**  
Vassilis Tsianos (University of Hamburg)

## FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2011

9.30-10.30  
**Dis/Connecting Humanity: Litigious Scenes at the Boundary of Global Law**  
Sven Opitz (University of Hamburg)

10.30-11.30  
**Governing Global Intertextuality: Cross-Referencing in International Organizations**  
Philip Liste (University of Hamburg)

11.30-12.00 Break

12.00-13.00  
**Securing Connectivity by Insuring Global Circulation: Maritime Insurance Assemblages in the 21st Century**  
Luis Lobo-Guerrero (Keele University)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30  
**Shifting Indicators, Performative Infrastructures and Topological Spaces**  
Celia Lury (Goldsmiths College, University of London)

### PANEL III: INFRASTRUCTURES AND LOGISTICS

Chair: Carolin Wiedemann (University of Hamburg)

15.30-16.30  
**On Life, Labour and Logistics**  
Brett Neilson (University of Western Sydney)

16.30-17.00 Break

17.00-18.00  
**The Autonomy of Gesture: Of Lifestream Logistics and Choreographic Constitutions**  
Soenke Zehle (XMLab - Experimental Media Lab, Hochschule der Bildenden Künste Saar)

## SATURDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2011

9.30-10.30  
**Networked danger and European Security Assemblages**  
Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam)

10.30-11.30  
**Toxic Connections – Debt, Money and Temporality**  
Ute Tellmann (University of Hamburg)

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.45  
**Time, Disconnectivity and Dissonance in the Par Settlement of Mobile Transactions, or, Why an Anthropologist of Finance Cares About Payments Technologies**  
Bill Maurer (University of California, Irvine)

12:45-13.30  
**Global Connectivity: Concluding Discussion – Outlook**

### Organisation

Prof. Dr. Urs Stäheli, Dr. Sven Opitz, Ute Tellmann, PhD