INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Via Militaris, Orta Kol, Orient Express, Autoput.
Transformations of a Route

11 November 2016
Humboldt Universität Berlin, Main Building, Room 2249a
Organised by Nenad Stefanov (HU Berlin) and Florian Riedler (ZMO)

9:30-10:00
Welcome and Introduction to the Topic “Orta Kol”
FLORIAN RIEDLER and NENAD STEFANOV

Idea and Concept of the Project “Phantom-Borders”
HANNES GRANDITS (HU Berlin) and NORA LAFI (ZMO)

10:00-11:00
Key Notes

Chair: HANNES GRANDITS

Lines of Communication across Regions and Epochs: Conceptual Thoughts in a „Transottoman“ Context
STEFAN ROHDEWALD (Justus Liebig Universität Giessen)

Communities and Communication in Plovdiv in the 1870s to 1890s: Living with Boundaries
DOBRIINKA PARUŠEVA (Plovdivski Universitet Paijsij Hilendarski)

11:00-11:15
Coffee-Break

11:15-13:00
Panel 1

Chair: ANDREAS HELMEDACH (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Via Diagonalis/Via Traiana in the Middle Ages
VLADIMIR ALEKSIC (Univerzitet u Nišu)

Transforming the Landscape of the Constantinople (Tsarigrad) Road: Ottoman Derbents along the Dragoman–Niš Route and their Impact on Social Mobility and Identity in the 15th and 16th centuries
TATJANA KATIC (Istorijski Institut Beograd)

Marking Imperial Territory: Ottoman Caravanserais along the Orta Kol
Robin Wimmel (TU Berlin)

13:00-14:30
Lunch
### 14:30-15:30  Panel 2

**Chair:** Nenad Stefanov

**The Orta Kol as Mental Map and Historical Region**
Florian Riedler (ZMO)

**Defining the Limits of the Railroads: Enclosure and Built Environment on the Oriental Railway**
Şahika Karatepe (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi İstanbul)

### 15:30-15:45  Coffee Break

### 15:45-16:45  Panel 3

**Chair:** Florian Riedler

**Routes and Boundaries: Small Places between Periphery and Communication Lines: Caribrod/Dimitrovgrad from the 1880s to the 1980s**
Nenad Stefanov (HU Berlin)

**“A Road of Destiny”: The Guest Workers’ Route as an Example for Practices of Mobility and International Transport Policy**
Manfred Pfaffenthaler (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz)

### 16:45-17:00  Coffee Break

### 17:00-18:00  Concluding Discussion