

RTG 2840 “Ambivalent Enmity” – Workshop

INTERNAL ENEMIES AND THE STATE IN THE INTERWAR PERIOD

9th July 2026

9:30-9:45 WELCOME – Masato Tanaka, Heidelberg University

9:45-11:00 PANEL 1 – Moderation: Daniel Weinmann,
Heidelberg University

Fabian Baumann, Heidelberg University,
**The Internal Enemy Abroad: Getting Hold of the “Slovak
Irredenta” in Interwar Czechoslovakia**

Ruihao Zhang, Heidelberg University
**“Idle Talks on Emperors”: Controversies over Blasphemous
Articles in Interwar Sino-Japanese Relations (online
presentation)**

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:45 PANEL 2 – Moderation: Liudmila Novikova,
Heidelberg University

Anastassiya Schacht, Heidelberg University
**“Cette longue période <...> non de résignation mais d’attente”:
Networks of Enmity, Solidarity, and Self-Determination in the
Anti-Bolshevik Diaspora of Interwar Europe**

Andrew Peak, Northumbria University
The Turkish Communists and the “Armenian Question”

12:45-14:00 LUNCH – Inner Courtyard of the Department of
History, Heidelberg University

14:00-15:15 PANEL 3 – Moderation: Barend Noordam,
Heidelberg University

Paula Simon, Heidelberg University
**A Threat to Public Order and Security: Racialisation and
Securitisation of Mobility in Interwar Yugoslavia**

Henrike Scharff, Heidelberg University
**“A Threat in Disguise”: The Construction of the Female
Imposter as Social Menace in Weimar Germany**

15:15-15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45-17:00 PANEL 4 – Moderation: Alessia Colonnelli,
Heidelberg University

Masato Tanaka, Heidelberg University
**“We’ve Been Always Occupied with the Politics, It’s Time to
Do Something on the Economy”: The Great Depression, the
Imperial New Deal, and Decolonization in French Mandate
Lebanon**

Prateek Pankaj, Heidelberg University
**Thinking Anti-Imperialism: the Congress Socialists and
India’s Freedom Struggle, 1930s-40s**

17:00-17:30 FINAL DISCUSSION – Moderation: Fabian
Baumann, Heidelberg University

18:00-19:45 KEYNOTE LECTURE – Moderation: Paula
Simon, Heidelberg University

David Petrucci, Dartmouth College
**A Scourge of Humanity: The Origins of Interpol and the End
of Empire in Central and Eastern Europe**

Lecture Hall, Department of History
Grabengasse 3-5, 69117 Heidelberg
Please register here until 7th July 2026.

