



East Germany as a space for solidarity encounters?

an exploratory workshop 22-23 September 2023, GRASSI Museum, Leipzig

We invite you to participate in a 2-day exploratory workshop at the GRASSI Museum in Leipzig to discuss encounters of solidarity among migrants from different postsocialist and postcolonial backgrounds in 'East Germany'. We are particularly interested in unearthing forms of solidarity (political, conceptual, cultural, intimate) that formed despite and beyond geo-political and ideological lines of separation, racial repertoires and genealogies that have transcended nationalist projects.

Some of the themes that we would like to discuss during the workshop include:

- How do mobilities of people, ideas and knowledge contribute to the formation of diverse solidarities across geographical spaces and socio-spatial boundedness?
- Can we conceive of former East Germany as a 'contact zone' opening new terrains of alliances and tensions between the former Second and Third World?
- How were forms of solidarity articulated? Where can we trace their visual and/or material cultural expressions, and do these still open possibilities for new sociability?
- How do the internationalist political engagements, cultural and intellectual convergences that connected the state's socialist, postcolonial, and post-war peripheral projects inform today's political subjectivities and the building of alternative visions and strategies for action?

We aim to create a space where we can share diverse perspectives and invite contributions in various forms, including presentations, panel discussions, and artistic interventions.

If you would like to take part in the workshop, please email a short expression of interest (approx 250 words) by the 20th of August 2023 to, dialoguingposts@gmail.com

The working languages of the workshop are English and German. We can offer a small number of travel and accommodation bursaries as part of a British Academy and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation seed funding. Please indicate if you would like to be considered for one.

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