

TRANSNATIONAL FOLKLORE



Rethinking the Nineteenth-Century History of Folklore Studies

International Workshop organised by:

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Thursday 22 May 2025

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Oettingenstrasse 67, 80538 Munich, Room 123

13:30 Introductory Remarks

Christiane Schwab (LMU Munich)

Frauke Ahrens (LMU Munich)

Fabiana Dimpflmeier (University of Chieti-Pescara)

Session 1 **Historiographical Approaches to Transnational Folklore Studies**

Convenor: Christiane Schwab (LMU Munich)

14:00 Entangled Histories of Folklore: Re-Considering Nationalism, Transnationalism and Folklore Knowledge in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman-Turkey

Hande Birkalan-Gedik (Goethe University Frankfurt)

14:45 Tracing Ethnographic Questionnaires: Another History of Ethnographic Disciplines

Dani Schrire (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

15:30 Swedish-Speaking Folklore Studies in Finland – Negotiating a Research Field Between the Regional, National, Pan-National and International

Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch (Åbo Akademi University)

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

Session 2 **Power Relations and Challenges in Transnational Folklore Studies**

Convenor: Frauke Ahrens (LMU Munich)

16:45 Between National and Transnational: Italian Folklorists and the German-Speaking World

Stefano Cavazza (University of Bologna)

17:30 Transnationalism in Personal and Political Relationships, and How They Did Not Internationalise British Folkloristics

Paul Cowdell (University of Hertfordshire)

18:15 The Convenience of Transnational Folkloristics to the English

Matthew Cheeseman (University of Derby)

19:30 Social Dinner

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9:00 Welcome

Session 3 Networks of Transnational Folklore Studies

Convenor: Fabiana Dimpflmeier (University of Chieti-Pescara)

9:15 The Pan-Slavic Nexus: Networks of Collaborations and Exchange
among Eastern European Folklorists in the 1830s and 1840s
Nathaniel Knight (Seton Hall University)

10:00 Unequal Partnerships? Transnational Cooperation in Folklore Studies
of Southeastern Europe, 1875–1905
Anne Friederike Delouis (University of Orléans)

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 Georgian Folklore in Non-Georgian Periodicals: Regional and Transnational
Contexts, 1890–1910
Elene Gogiasvili (Tbilisi State University)

12:00 Transnational Fairy-Tale Weavers: Unraveling Women's Hidden Networks
in the History of Folklore
Elena Emma Sottilotta (University of Cambridge)

12:45–13:45 Lunch Break

Session 4 Actors and Milieus of Transnational Folklore Studies

Convenor: Frauke Ahrens (LMU Munich)

13:45 Gyula Sebestyén and Transnational Folklore Studies
Éva Mikos (Hungarian Institute of Ethnology)

14:30 Between National and Transnational Folklore: The Case of
Nikolaos G. Politis in Establishing Greek Folkloristics
Georgios Tserpes (Academy of Athens)

15:15 The British School at Athens and Pre-WWI Folklore Research
Jonathan Roper (University of Tartu)

16:00–16:30 Final Remarks

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