Selected Research Projects

**Department of Anthropology**

*Christiane Brosius*
- Political rituals and spatial concepts in Hindutva practice. Agency and territorial rituals in India

*Christiane Brosius, Michael Nijhawan*
- Ritual dynamics, identity formation and the politics of violence: linking South Asian and Middle Eastern studies

*Michael Nijhawan*
- Territorial rituals and agency at Sufi shrines in Punjab
- Sites of German ethnicity (with Mita Banerjee, Mainz University)

*William S. Sax*
- The healing cult of Bhairava in Central Himalaya.

**Department of Classical Indology**

*Parameshvara Aithal*
- Vedic auxiliary sciences and Sanskrit manuscripts in European libraries

*Johannes Beltz, Axel Michaels*
- Text and context of the Mahima-Dharma movement in Orissa

*Johanna Buß*
- Hindu conceptions of unpacified spirits

*Christoph Emmrich*
- Conceptions and language of time in canonical Buddhist literature

*Jörg Gengnagel, Axel Michaels*
- Visualized space - construction of locality and cartographical representation in Benares

*Ute Hüsken*
- Ritual traditions in the South Indian temple town of Kancipuram
- Sanskaras of the South Indian Vaikhana temples

*Axel Michaels (with Niels Gutschow, Alexander von Rospatt and Nuthan Sharma)*
- Life cycle rituals in Nepal
- The price of impurity: The Dharmadharikarin in the legal tradition of Nepal

*Srilata Müller*
- Ritual traditions in the South Indian temple town of Kancipuram
- The life and works of Ramalinga Swamigal

**Department of Development Economics**

*Clive Bell*
- Child labour, education and economic growth
- Rural credit markets and interlinking

*Stefan Klönner*
- Rotating savings and credit associations (Roscas)

*Ramonja Schrepler*
- Child labor and fertility

*Annegrit Steinmetz*
- Informal water markets: the role of share contracts

**Department of Geography**

*Hans-Georg Bohle*
- Food security and conflict management in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka

*Hans-Georg Bohle, Michael Brklacich*
- Global environmental health and human security (research group)

*Hans-Georg Bohle, Rainer Sauerdorn*
- Global environmental change and health (research group)

*Jürgen Clemens*
- Review of German news maps on the "war against terror" in Afghanistan
- Urbanization trends in Sri Lanka: potentials of small and medium towns (under preparation)

*Hartmut Finfgeld*
- Natural resource management and conflict transformation in Sri Lanka.

**Department of History**

*Gita Dharmapal-Frick, Ravi Ahuja*
- Indian Ocean (1400-2000)
- South Asian Modernity (SAM). A network of historical and contemporary studies

*Indra Sengupta-Frey*
- The archaeology of sacred sites and identity in colonial and postcolonial India, 1861-1960. The case of Eastern India

**Department of International Economics**

*Frithjof Kilp*
- Environmental policies and their transmission by international trade (with a case study of India)

*Markus Loewe*
- Informally working people: how to reform their social security and to improve their impact

*Pilanya Niyomthai*
- Tax reform in semi-industrialized countries (Thailand)
Dong Phuong Pham
- Competitiveness of cooperative financial systems: the case of Vietnam

Sabine Streb
- Regulating natural monopolies in the water industry of developing countries: institutional alternatives

Marco Veselka
- Economic structures, financial systems, and growth (Germany, USA, Taiwan)

Isabel Werle
- An international comparison of fiscal federalism (Germany, Malaysia)

Axel Wolz
- The transformation of agricultural cooperatives, self-help-organizations, and rural finance systems in Vietnam

Wolfgang-Peter Zingel
- Local bodies finance: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh

Department of Modern Indology

Monika Boehm-Tettelbach, Jörg Gengnagel
- Court ritual in the Jaipur State (18th century to 1949)

Jörg Gengnagel
- Visualized texts - religious maps and the sacred topography of Banaras

Sonja Gippert-Fritz
- Studies on Maldivian poetry - Raivaru

Mathias Metzger
- Romani as an Indic language: typological and etymological studies into a new Indo-Aryan language of Europe.

Department of Political Science

Karsten Frey, Pervaiz I. Cheema (Islamabad Policy Research Institute)
- Nuclearisation in South Asia

Peter Lehr, Hendrick Lehmann, Alexander Fischer, Malte Pehl
- Police and the rule of law in India

Kenneth McPherson, Peter Lehr, Subrata Mitra
- Governing the Indian Ocean

Subrata Mitra, Clemens Spieß
- Political parties and governance: A study of India and South Africa