



## GENOCIDE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

**Interdisciplinary Workshop of ICAS:MP, Module 4  
(Normative Conflicts and Transformations)**

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One of the central aspects in the debate on genocide concerns the role of war as an important trigger of crimes against humanity (Rafter 2016, Semerdjian 2024). In the light of current military conflicts (Ukraine, Gaza) it seems timely to re-consider key points of the debates on genocide – not least with the aim to recognize the complexity of cases, their histories, causes, and manifestations, and thus help to avoid preconceived judgements.

**9.30 – 09.40 | Martin Fuchs**

Welcome

**9.40 – 10.00 | Antje Linkenbach**

Introduction to the Workshop

**10.00 – 11.00 | A. Dirk Moses**

Genocide and Armed Conflict: The Construction of an Artificial Distinction

**11.00 – 11.30** | Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.30 | Melanie Schulze Tanielian**

Impossible Conditions of Life: Famine and Humanitarian Management as Permanent Security Tools

**12.30 – 13.30 | Núrel Bahí Reitz**

Commemorating Mass Violence in Former German Colonies: First Impressions from Fieldwork in Namibia and Tanzania

**13.30 – 14.30** | Lunch

**14.30 – 15.30 | Online | Uğur Ümit Üngör**

Examining the Genocidal Nexus: The Syrian Mukhabarat and Mass Violence in the Middle East

**15.30 – 16.30 | Nancy Alhachem**

When Society is the Enemy: The Biopolitics of Everyday Violence and Levantine Migrants' Memories of Open Wounds

**16.30 – 16.45** | Short coffee break

**16.45 – 17.45 | Online | Elyse Semerdjian**

Traffic in Women: The Political Economy of Sex and the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923)

**17.45 – 18.30** | Final discussion

**19.00** | Dinner in the City

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**Participation only with registration!**

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