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# Changing Track: redirecting research on colonial railways in Africa, c. 1880 - 1960

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Sala del Consiglio, Villa Salviati

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## Programme

**10:00 – 10:15** General Introduction by Andreas Greiner (Max Weber Visiting Fellow)

# Session 1

Chair: Andreas Greiner | Discussant: Lucy Riall (EUI)

**10:15-11:00** William B. Lyon (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), *Contact Zones: Power, Politics and Labor at Early Colonial Work Sites in German South West Africa 1892-1903*

**11:00-11:45** Nina Kleinöder (Philipps-Universität Marburg), *Skilled Labour? German Bridge Building in the Cameroons, 1909-1920*

**11:45-12:00**      *Coffee Break*

**12:00-12:45** Michael Rösser (Universität Erfurt), *(Un-)Wanted Workers - Contesting Labour at the Central Railway in German East Africa*

**12:45-13:30** Raffaele Perniola (Universität Basel), *Memories of Work – Central Namibian Railway Workers and the Remembrance of Colonial Railway History*

**13:30-14:30**      *Lunch*

## Session 2

Chair: Norman Aselmeyer (EUI; Universität Bremen) | Discussant: Jamie Monson (Michigan State University)

**14:30-15:15** Friedrich Ammermann (EUI), *The Cape to Cairo Railway as imperial infrastructure – approaches beyond the ‘tools of empire’ narrative*

**15:15-16:00** Armel Campagne (EUI), *The Kenadsa railway-colliery complex and the Trans-Saharan in colonial Algerian Sahara: from railway imperialism to imperial adventurism (1874-1943)*

**16:00-16:15**      *Coffee Break*

**16:15-17:00** Giovanni Costenaro (EUI), *Shaping the French African environment through exploitative railways: European cooperation and the “mise en valeur” of Mauritanian and Gabonian iron ores, 1950-1960*

**17:00-17:30**                      **Final Discussion**