



» BOAS TALKS «

***Scientific colloquium
commemorating the 140th
anniversary of Franz Boas' doctorate
at Kiel University***

18-21 November 2021

*The event will be held in a hybrid format
at Leibnizstraße 1, Kiel University, Germany
with live streaming*

140 years after Franz Boas' doctorate, we renew Kiel's early connection to this outstanding scholar with a scientific colloquium. Drawing on his later seminal works, we will discuss developing trends, recent advancements, and enrich points of contact between the archaeological and anthropological frameworks. In keeping with Boas' advocacy of close collaboration between archaeology, cultural, and social anthropology, the workshop will bridge viewpoints from fields such as prehistory and early history, historical and contemporary archaeology, ethnography, social and cultural anthropology, and philosophical reflection.

18 NOVEMBER 2021

- 15:00 "Boas Walks – Tracking Franz Boas through Kiel"
(student initiative)
- 19:00 Get-Together and Welcome

19 NOVEMBER 2021

- 9:00 Introduction

Boas and Germany

Session Chair: Jens Schneeweiß (Kiel, Germany)

- 9:30 Susan Pollock (Berlin, Germany) and
Reinhard Bernbeck (Berlin, Germany)
Franz Boas: Between Anti-Racism and Reification
- 10:00 Hans Peter Hahn (Frankfurt, Germany)
The Mixed Fate of Franz Boas' Cultural Relativism:
Notes on the Itinerary of a German-American Concept
- 10:30 *Coffee Break*
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At the Crossroads of Anthropology and Archaeology

Session Chair: Maria Wunderlich (Kiel, Germany)

- 11:00 Charlotte Damm (Tromsø, Norway)
Between the Unique and the General: The Contribution of
Historical and Anthropological Archaeology to the Wider
Field of Anthropology
- 11:30 Andrei Golovnev (St. Petersburg, Russia)
Anthropology of Movement on the Crossroads of
Ethnography and Archaeology

12:00 **Alexander Gramsch (Frankfurt, Germany)**
Death and the Human Body: Finding a Common
Ground for Archaeology and Anthropology

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Stefanie Samida (Heidelberg, Germany / Zürich, Switzerland)**
Teaching Anthropology: Remarks from a German Perspective

14:30 **Martin Furholt (Oslo, Norway / Kiel, Germany)**
Narratives, Concepts and Data:
The Relevance of Franz Boas for European Archaeology

15:00 *Coffee Break*

“Boas for the 21st Century“: Case Studies

Session Chair: Nils Müller-Scheeßel (Kiel, Germany)

15:30 **Christian Jeunesse (Strasbourg, France)**
The Cohabitation of Rich Villages and Poor Villages in Egalita-
rian and Acephalous Agrarian Societies. How to Understand
This Paradox? The Case of Faunal Assemblages in the LBK

16:00 **Colin Grier (Vancouver, USA)**
Boas for the 21st Century: In Pursuit of Context and History
in Northwest Coast Archaeology

19:00 *Conference Dinner*

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09:30 **Engdawok Assefa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) and
Johannes Müller (Kiel, Germany)**
Forging Networks and Identities in Non-literate Societies:
Southwest Ethiopian Konso Smiths

10:00 **Francesca Lugli (Rome, Italy)**
Strategies of Steppe Nomads Facing Climate Changes and
Variability – Ethnoarchaeological Observation

10:30 *Coffee Break*

11:00 **Vasa Ditumulü (Kohima, India)**
Understanding Naga Pottery Use and Meaning:
A Case Study of the Phoms of Nagaland

11:30 **Tiatoshi Jamir (Kohima, India)**
Decolonising Archaeological Practice in Northeast India:
Views from Community Archaeology Initiatives in Nagaland

12:00 *Lunch*

From Cultural Relativism to Post-Colonial Imperative

Session Chair: Vesa Arponen (Kiel, Germany)

13:30 **Bill Angelbeck (New Westminster, Canada)**
Boas Refracted through His Local Collaborators
(James Teit, George Hunt, and William Beynon):
Implications for Contemporary Interpretation,
Collaboration, and Decolonisation

- 14:00 **Peter Jordan (Groningen, Netherlands)**
From Cultural Traits to Inherited Social Traditions:
"Re-activating" the Anthropological Legacy of Franz Boas
- 14:30 **Martin Porr (Perth, Australia)**
Nature, Culture, Human Nature: Reflections on Franz Boas'
"Anthropology and Modern Life"
- 15:00 **Discussion and Resume**
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
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16:00 **Internal Meeting Ethnographisch-Archaeologische
Zeitschrift (Journal of Archaeology and Cultural
Anthropology)**

Keynote lecture

Chair: Henny Piezonka

18:00 **Tracy Teslow (Cincinnati, USA)**
**A Historian Contends with Hagiography:
Perceptions of Franz Boas and His Relevance Today**

19:30 *Reception with Appetizers*

21 NOVEMBER 2021

Departure of participants

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Photo: Franz Boas as student in Kiel (c. 1880-1881). (Credits: Müller-Wille, 2014, p.22).