Applied History Lecture
The Pacific and the Modern World
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The Pacific Ocean famously covers one third of the world’s surface – but engages a considerably smaller fraction of the history profession’s interest when it comes to understanding the modern world. In this lecture series, leading historians discuss the historical significance of the Pacific Ocean, a space not just defined by its rim but by its island centre. In focusing on the region’s indigenous geography, on environmental transformation, transpacific migration, commodity production, and cultural transfer, the lectures will open up new perspectives on our understanding of global transformations. And in bringing Pacific worlds to the University of Zurich, the lectures will also contribute to the History Department’s new interest in global and Asian-Pacific history.

Monday, 18 December 2017, 18.15 Uhr
Prof. Matt Matsuda (Rutgers): In Search of the Pacific: Revisiting the Other One-Third of the Globe

Monday, 5 March 2018, 18.15 Uhr
Prof. Gregory Cushman (Kansas): Guano and the Opening of the Anthropocene

Monday, 26 March 2018, 18.15 Uhr
Prof. David A. Chang (Minnesota): Why Study Pacific Worlds from Pacific Perspectives? Looking Out from Hawai’i’s Shores

Monday, 7 May 2018, 18.15 Uhr
Prof. Mariko Iijima (Sophia, Tokyo): Coffee Webs: Remapping the Movements of People, Objects, and Knowledge across the Asia-Pacific

Monday, 14 May, 18.15 Uhr
Prof. Takashi Fujitani (Toronto): The Transpacific Western: Indigeneity, Race and Violence in the Frontiers of the U.S. and Japan

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