The Transformation of the World: On the Difficulty of Writing Social History in a Global Mode

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Is a history of “society” still possible in terms of social history?

Professor Doctor Jürgen Osterhammel will consider this question in a discussion of his new book, *The Transformation of the World* (Princeton University Press, 2014). He will take up a critic’s observation that there is no proper chapter on social history in the book, leading to his current attempt to write such a chapter in the context of another of his publications, *History of the World* (co-edited with Akira Iriey, Harvard University Press, 2012).

Copies of *The Transformation of the World* will be available to purchase at the seminar.

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