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Dolly Katiutia Alima Afoumba is a doctoral researcher in Modern History at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany. Her academic background includes graduate studies in Peace and Conflict Studies and in the History of International Politics at the university of Marburg, as well as a Bachelor's degree and a Master 1 degree in Political Science from the University of Yaoundé II. She submitted her PhD thesis in August 2025 as a scholarship holder of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Her dissertation, *Perpetuating Finance Imperialism: The Currency Board and the Franc Zone in West and Central Africa (1940s-1960s)*, examines colonial monetary regimes and African agency, linking modern African history with decolonial and international political economy approaches.

### **Anna Corsten**

Anna Corsten is a postdoctoral researcher at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, specializing in the history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Her dissertation (published in 2023) at the University of Leipzig examined émigré historians and the development of research on National Socialism and the Holocaust in West Germany and the United States after 1945. As a postdoctoral researcher, she worked at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich on the history of confiscated Nazi and Reich property in Bavaria after 1945. Her current project investigates water as a contested resource, focusing on social inequality, economic interests, and transnational water conflicts.

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Nina Kleinöder is assistant professor for economic and social history at the Otto-Friedrich-University of Bamberg, Germany. Her research is interested in business history, the history of working environments and colonial history. Her phd thesis (2015) and her work as a postdoc researcher at the university of Düsseldorf focused on the history of labour (occupational health and safety) and the change of working environments (“Humanisation of Work”). In 2022 she joined the lead of the CRC-subproject “Foreign Trade Securitization” (C06). Her current project on colonial railway construction links German colonial history in Africa with modern business history approaches.

### **Christian Kleinschmidt**

Born in 1961, after studying history, social sciences, and philosophy, he obtained his doctorate (1992) and habilitation (2000) at Ruhr University Bochum. Since 2009, Christian Kleinschmidt has been Professor of Economic and Social History at Philipps-Universität Marburg. Within the SFB 138 (“Dynamics of Security”), he is head of the sub-project “External Economic Securitization”. His research focuses on business history, the history of international economic relations, and the history of consumption.

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### **Christian Marx**

Christian Marx is a researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, Germany. There, he is working on the history of deindustrialization in Western Europe since the 1970s and on the history of the German Ministry of Finance in the 1970s and 1980s. He obtained his PhD in 2011 from the University of Trier. In 2020, he finished his habilitation

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### **Cornelia Sahling**

Cornelia Sahling focuses on Eastern and Southern Europe's energy economy and central banking. Possessing an M.A. in International Relations (Dresden) and a Bachelor of Economics (Dubna), she worked as a lecturer until 2019 and conducted research on financial stability issues in the Eurozone for her PhD thesis (Moscow, 2017). She participated in a social project and courses at the School of Innovation (Trento). By analysing both the monetary and non-monetary values of oil rents, her current book project on the economic history of Soviet and Russian oil rents aims to explain why political leaders favoured a resource-based economy.

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### **Tonio Schwertner**

Since July 2025, Tonio Schwertner has been a research assistant of the CRC 138 “Dynamics of Security” at the Chair of Economic and Social History at the University of Bamberg. His research focuses on the history of Europeanisation beyond classical top-down narratives, with particular attention to the interplay among civil society, private-sector, and state actors. His doctoral project, *Elastic Images of Europe: The European Rubber Industry as Agent and Site of Europeanisation, 1950–80*, at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, examined multinational rubber-processing companies as political actors, sites, and drivers of Europeanisation. The project was funded by the Stiftung Bildung und Wissenschaft.