

Switzerland and East Asia

Call for papers – N° 1/2020

East Asian countries (Japan, China, Taiwan, Mongolia, North and South Korea) have in recent years attracted a growing interest from historians working on international relations. In order to go beyond the traditional perspective of official relations, transnational historiography focuses on the different ways that goods, practices and people circulated between East Asian and Western countries. This special issue of *traverse* calls on researchers to contribute to the study of exchanges between Switzerland and East Asia, using particularly network analysis and postcolonial studies but other theoretical and methodological approaches are also possible.

Questions that could be answered include: How were companies, journalists, businessmen, activists, or organisations involved in transnational networks and entanglements between Switzerland and East Asia? How did they instrumentalise Swiss neutrality or the perception that Switzerland had no imperial past? How were economic and political relations between Switzerland and East Asian countries influenced by movements, non-state actors or institutions? What role did cultural difference play in Swiss-East Asian relations? Papers can cover any period but we particularly encourage studies that deal with the 19th and 20th centuries.

Article proposals (maximum length : 2,500 characters) as well as a short CV should be sent to the following email addresses by 31 October 2018 : matthieu.gillabert@unifr.ch, ariane.knuesel@unifr.ch and cyril.cordoba@unifr.ch.

Articles (maximum length: 30,000 characters) have to be submitted by 30 April 2019.

A workshop will take place in Fribourg in May 2019 in order to allow contributors to share their papers, discuss findings, and ensure the coherency of the *Traverse* issue. The revised papers will have to be submitted by 31 August 2019.

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