Five years into its existence, CITAS will start transitioning into the Department for Interdisciplinary and Multiscalar Area Studies (DIMAS) at the University of Regensburg.

DIMAS will provide a base for six interdisciplinary professorships based across the faculties of Languages, Literature and Cultures (SLK), Philosophy, Art History, History and Humanities (PKGG), Law, and Catholic Theology. Four of the professors have already joined UR and you can learn more about their research and teaching here. So, welcome to Regensburg

- Prof. Dr. Anne Brüske - Professor for Spatial Dimensions of Cultural Processes - Faculty SLK
- Prof. Dr. Rike Krämer-Hoppe - Professor for Transnational Norm Development - Law Faculty
- Prof. Dr. Timothy Nunan - Professor for Transregional Cultures of Knowledge - Faculty PKGG
- Prof. Dr. Anna Steigemann - Professor for Sociological Dimensions of Space - Faculty PKGG

This newsletter thus covers the activities and plans of DIMAS, CITAS, and the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America, as well as those of other area studies institutions, projects and platforms in Regensburg.

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DFG Project: Welcome back to Regensburg, Dr Joanna Moszczyńska

CITAS and the UR Romance Studies Institute is delighted to welcome back to the University of Regensburg Dr Joanna Moszczyńska. From October 2020 to February 2022 she was a postdoctoral researcher at CITAS. During this period she developed a successful application to the DFG Walter Benjamin Programme. Since 1 October 2022 she has been working at the Institute of Romance Studies at UR on her DFG Project “Literary Journalism in the Cold War: Affective Structures of Transperipheral Solidarity in Images of Thought between Ryszard Kapuściński and Gabriel García Márquez”.

You can find out more about her project here and on her profile page. Beyond her experience at CITAS, she was a Junior Fellow at Mecila: Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America in São Paulo from March 2022 to September 2022. She studied Iberian Studies at the University of Warsaw and Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies at the Freie University of Berlin. In 2020, she completed her Ph.D. at LAI-FU Berlin on the topic of Brazilian Holocaust literature after 1985. The award-winning book based on her study was published by Peter Lang Verlag in 2022.

Joanna Moszczyńska is also co-organizer of the international conference Latin America and East-Central Europe: Comparisons, Bridges, Entanglements, which takes place in Berlin from 26-28 October. The international conference explores literary history, poetics, intellectual networks, and aesthetic theory on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The participating scholars will discuss the situatedness of the literatures and actors of the regions and reflect on their transcultural and transareal convivialities. The full programme can be found here along with more details on the website.

Job opportunities at DIMAS

The professors based at the new Department for Interdisciplinary and Multiscalar Area Studies will be looking for several more staff members both in support positions and in research. Currently, two positions are available: a part-time (50%) doctoral position based with the Professor of Transregional Norm Development in the Law faculty and a part-time (50%) secretarial position. The deadline for both positions is 15 November 2022.
Regensburg Prize for Master’s Theses (or equivalent) in Area Studies

CITAS and the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America are pleased to invite submissions to the third edition of the Prize for Outstanding Master’s Theses in Area Studies at UR. The prize promotes the development of research and teaching with relevance to area studies in the fields of social sciences, humanities, law and economics. It was awarded for the first time in 2020 and demonstrates the value of the close cooperation between the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) and UR.

Candidates can either nominate themselves or be nominated by their advisors. As well as students taking MA degrees, the prize is open to those completing Staatsexamen (in law for example) or those studying for a teaching degree. The top prize is 400 EUR, with two second prizes of 200 EUR. The deadline for applications is 6 November 2022. Please find the call for applications here in English and here in German.

Previous winners have published their texts with the ScienceCampus Blog-Journal Frictions.

Call for Applications for 2023/24 - Berkeley-Regensburg Doctoral Exchange Program

CITAS is pleased to invited applications for the doctoral exchange programme with the Institute for European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, for the 2023/24 academic year. The deadline for applications is 30 November 2022. All
applicants must be based at the University of Regensburg and/or IOS. You must still be a PhD researcher when completing your stay in Berkeley, i.e. you may not yet have submitted your doctoral thesis for assessment.

Please find the call for applications here in English and here in German. More details on the doctoral exchange program and applying to Berkeley can be found here.

Colloquium in Transregional History

Wednesdays, 1615-1845 - via Zoom and in Lecture Theatre H51

Prof. Dr. Timothy Nunan is organizing in winter semester 2022/23 a colloquium on transregional history featuring speakers from around the world as well as from Regensburg. Please find the programme here for more details. Information about upcoming talks will be posted on Prof. Nunan's page. The first event takes place today already at 16:00 via Zoom only. Dr. Sheng Peng (University of Vienna) will talk on "Cherry Pick Lessons: European Influence on the Chinese Market Debate, 1978-2010".

Graduate School and Leibniz ScienceCampus Research Colloquium

Jeffrey K. Olick | The Politics of REGRET REVISITED
Regret Revisited. 10. Nov. 2022, 19:00

The Leibniz ScienceCampus is pleased to be collaborating again this semester with the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies in Regensburg in organizing a joint research colloquium. The first event took place last week already, with Prof. Dr. Kamila Budrowska of the University of Białystok presenting her research on the censorship of Polish literature under state socialism.

The next event takes place on 10 November 2022 at 19:00 at UR (PT 3.0.79 – Großer Sitzungssaal). Renowned memory studies scholar, sociologist and historian Jeffrey K. Olick will be discussing the theme of The Politics of Regret Revisited. The talk also forms the keynote lecture of the 32nd Annual Conference of the Postgraduate Forum (PGF) of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS/DGfA), Remembering: Transnational Memory Cultures and American Studies (PGF 2022), hosted by the American Studies Department at Universität Regensburg in collaboration with our partners at REAF, the Regensburg European-American Forum.

Further talks in the series will take place throughout the semester.
programme launched

The full details of events planned by the Graduate School and ScienceCampus can be found here. Beyond further dates in the research colloquium series, the poster also includes details of upcoming events in the doctoral programme. Prof. Dr. Anna Steigemann, Professor of Sociological Dimensions of Space at DIMAS, will be giving a workshop on Multiperspectivity and Multi-Scalarity in Writing Your Area Studies Thesis. While the doctoral researchers Jon Matlack and Elia Bescotti will be hosting a follow up to last year’s graduate workshop at the Graduate School, furthering developing ideas on Narratives and Practices of Sovereignty. In January, leading experts on Open Science Björn Brembs (UR) and Tony Ross-Hellauer (TU Graz) will be discussing the theme of Where to, Open Scholarship? There focus will be in particular on how developments in this field can be applicable to the humanities and social sciences.

News from the Research Networks

The CITAS-funded research networks MS ISLA and KNOW IN are continuing their excellent work. Led by postdoctoral researchers and conceived as collaborative projects involving colleagues from Regensburg and beyond, they were launched in 2020. Recently, both networks have organized significant workshops with international participants.
Mediterranean Studies on Island Areas (MS ISLA) hosted the workshop Beyond the Mediterranean: Islands and Transmediterranienity from 19-21 October, with part of the sessions running in parallel with the 2022 Society of Caribbean Research (Socare) Symposium. The collaboration in the network has also yielded several publications including a special issue of the prestigious journal Zibaldone, which addresses the theme of the Adriatic as a contact zone.

In July, KNOW-IN, the network on Knowledge Infrastructures: Circulation, Transfer and Translation of Knowledge across Borders, hosted its third workshop, Exploring Practices of Infrastructuring.

Details of both events and other activities can be found on the Networks’ respective home pages

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**News from our area studies partners in Regensburg**

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**ZENTRUM ERINNERNINGS KJLTUR**

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**Beyond the ‘Time Machine’ Understanding Virtual Reality in Historical Culture**

Virtual reality (VR) and other digital media forms have long been integrated into scientific research settings and have become the object of study in natural and life science departments. However, despite the fact that virtual reality is more and more frequently used as a medium for representing historical spaces and events, it has so far only rarely been the object of study in the humanities. This workshop takes the ongoing dynamic development of VR experiences as a starting point for bringing together scholars from several disciplines to analyze and discuss the potentials and pitfalls for representing the past and transmitting historical knowledge in VR.
Concept and organization: Prof. Dr. Juliane Tomann (Public History, Universität Regensburg) & Dr. Steffi de Jong (Universität zu Köln)

The Workshop will take place at KZ-Gedenkstätte Flossenbürg on October 28th and 29th 2022.

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Das Zentrum Erinnerungskultur setzt seine Reihe "Debatten und Positionen zur Erinnerungskultur" fort. Im Fokus stehen dieses Semester (Post-)koloniale Erinnerungskulturen (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Zimmerer, Leiter der Forschungsstelle Hamburgs (post-)koloniales Erbe, Universität Hamburg) sowie Erinnerungskulturen im östlichen Europa (Uwe Neumärker, Direktor der Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas). Neu ist die Veranstaltungsreihe "Kontinuitäten der Ausgrenzung". Außerdem hat das ZE nun einen eigenen Newsletter, in dem es regelmäßig über Projekte und Veranstaltungen informiert.

News from the Forschungszentrum Spanien

Spain is the guest country at this year’s Frankfurt Book Fair. Our partners at CEH, the Research Centre on Spain, have organized a series of talks with leading authors. The last event in the series takes place today, Wednesday 26 October at 20:00 in the Dombrowsky Buchhandlung in Regensburg. Sara Mesa will be reading from her novel 'Un amor', which appeared in German as 'Eine Liebe'. Chairing the session is Dagmar Schmelzer.

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New Publication "Wegmarken der spanischen Literatur des 21. Jahrhunderts"


New Volkswagen Foundation Project – seeFField launched

The VW Foundation, together with UR and IOS, is funding the seven-year project seeFField – A Small but Fertile Field: Strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg. The official opening of the event took place on 17 October with a talk by the German parliamentary spokesperson for the Western Balkans and a roundtable discussion involving experts on the region and representatives of the Foundation. A report on the opening by Tanja Wagensohn (UR) can be found here. More details on the project are available on its website: https://seeffield.app.uni-regensburg.de/

Guest lectures on East Asia and Japan in December

Gerlinde Grotli, Associate professor (PD Akad. Oberrätin) in political science at UR and former member of the CITAS board, is organizing open lectures as part of her teaching. Prof. Dr. Ryoko Nakano, Kanazawa University, will be at the University of Regensburg to discuss on Tuesday, December 6, 14:15-15:45pm, "Cultural heritage conflicts in East Asia". On Wednesday, December 7, 10:15am-11:45am, she will address "Japanese perspectives on international order: geopolitics, geoeconomics, and national identity".

IOS online talks on nature and the environment in East and Southeast Europe

Im Rahmen unserer Reihe "Natur und Umwelt in Ost- und Südosteuropa: Bedrohung, Potentiale, zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement" finden die folgenden Online-Vorträge statt:
23. Nov., 18.00 Uhr: Ulrich Eichelmann (RiverWatch.eu) Das Blaue Herz Europas: Die Balkanflüsse zwischen Schutz und Zerstörung (als Zoom-Veranstaltung)

7. Dez., 18.00 Uhr: Christoph Promberger (Carpathia. European Wilderness Reserve) Fagarascher Berge: Ein Nationalparkprojekt als Zukunftsperspektive für Wälder, Tiere und Menschen in den rumänischen Karpaten (als Zoom-Veranstaltung)

Mehr Information dazu wird es auf der IOS Webseite geben.

PUR is again holding an interdisciplinary doctoral seminar for PhD researchers, as well as advanced master’s students and postdocs, from across the humanities and social sciences. Contact kontakt.promotionskolleg@sprachlit.uni-regensburg.de for more details.

Auch im Wintersemester 2022/23 bietet das Promotionskolleg der Philosophischen Fakultäten der Universität Regensburg (PUR) wieder ein Interdisziplinäres Doktorandenseminar (IDS) an. Das Seminar wird gemeinsam von Prof. Dr. Christiane Heibach und Prof. Dr. Mark Spoerer gestaltet. Das Seminar richtet sich vornehmlich an PUR-Mitglieder, ist aber auch offen für weitere interessierte Promovierende, Master-Studierende in der Abschlussphase und Postdocs bzw. Habilitand*innen.

Some recent publications from our area studies colleagues

We welcome your contributions for this section for future newsletters

Natali Stegmann:


Jon-Wyatt Matlack:


BlogJournal: Frictions

The Leibniz ScienceCampus is developing its new blog/E-journal hybrid at www.frictions.europeamerica.de

After launching in April 2021, more contributions have since appeared covering a range of themes including: working through the past in computer games; environmental destruction in northern Russia and its entanglements with binary thinking and anti-indigenous policies; a fascinating discussion on how German studies can be viewed as area studies; transatlantic circulations of conspiracy theories; and an exploration of the history of transatlantic migration, as well as reports
on events taking place in Regensburg.

More recent contributors come from visiting scholars who were in Regensburg, including discussions of memory and memorial cultures across Europe, a review of an exhibition of Polish art in Munich, and some reflections on the transatlantic entanglements of the struggle for national liberty and slave emancipation in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Frictions explores Europe and the Americas in the context of global transformations, past and present. It welcomes contributions from scholars based in Regensburg and around the world addressing the blog’s core themes of social, cultural and economic relations within and between Europe and the America. Historical and present-focused discussions are equally welcomed.

- The Essays section publishes fully-referenced, peer-reviewed articles of around 3000-4000 words.
- The Research Notes section features comment pieces on salient current events and contributions outlining ongoing and developing research projects, including methodological, conceptual and theoretical explorations as well as findings from empirical and field research.
- The Current Debates section features interviews, conference reports, reviews of exhibitions, films and other cultural works, and discussions of recent publications.

For Notes and Debates more experimental formats including photo-reportages or video-reportages are very much welcome. Contributions can be in English or German.

To discuss submission for the project, contact the editorial team at frictions@europeamerica.de