



Universität Regensburg

CITAS

Center for International and Transnational Area Studies



### Conference Goals

The conference investigates the interconnection of the nation-state and globalization, both historically and in the present. From the 1970s, belief in the obsolescence of the nation-state and nationalism became prominent across the political and disciplinary spectrum, from international relations to history, reflecting economic shifts in the West. Meanwhile, the transnational turn in cultural studies and the social sciences has come to draw attention to identities beyond the nation, ranging from subnational and local cultures to global cosmopolitanism. Thus in today's globalized world, goods, ideas, cultural works and people seem to cross borders and circulate without limits. Yet the interconnectedness of domestic, foreign and international policy, as well as manifestations of globalization in the everyday and cultural realms, seems to face challenges posed by a retreat from multilateralism and cooperation. Thus, belief in the obsolescence of the nation-state seems misplaced given ongoing events in different world regions and the entanglement of nation-states and nationalism in globalizing projects. Investigating how they remained resilient under globalization and now appear resurgent is thus pressing.

Drawing on area studies' traditional strengths, evident in its multiregional and multidisciplinary perspectives, the conference examines whether the current recalibration of relations of the national and global is exceptional and what options are open for a multilateral and global future in the realms governance, transnational political and economic ties, global communication infrastructure, and mobility and migration. These themes form the focus of the conference panels. Historical and cultural approaches highlight the legacies of empires and nation-states in forging a global world that emerged alongside and out of colonialism and imperialism.

The conference thus asks: How did the nation-state come to be seen as passé across many disciplines and regions? What political, economic, social and cultural consequences has teleological faith the nation-state's obsolescence had? How has the nation-state been a crucial element of globalization rather than its antithesis? How are the global and transnational entangled in the current national resurgence? And how have the national, subnational and local proven both resilient in the face of globalization and also co-constitutive of the global world?

## Conference Program

Thursday, 2 May 2019

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)  
Room 319, Altes Finanzamt, Landshuter Str. 4, Regensburg

**18:00-20:00**

### **WELCOMING ADDRESS**

**Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel**

President of the University of Regensburg and Chair of American Studies

### **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

*Nation-States and Modern Globalization*

**Prof. Dr. Matthias Middell** (University of Leipzig)

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Leibniz Institute for  
**EAST AND SOUTHEAST  
EUROPEAN STUDIES**

Friday, 3 May 2019

Großer Sitzungssaal, Room PT 3.0.79, Universitätsstr. 31, Regensburg

**09:00-10:45**

Session 1: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### **THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ORDER IN CRISIS: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE VS. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY?**

*Seeking Strategic Autonomy: How Europe can cope with transatlantic fragmentations*

**Prof. Dr. Stefan Fröhlich** (FAU, Erlangen-Nürnberg)

*Donald Trump's "America First" Agenda, Transatlantic Relations and the Liberal International Order*

**Dr. Jackson Janes** (American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC)

*'Is International Law International?' Reflections on the Politics of International Law in the Post-Soviet Space*

**Dr. Cindy Wittke** (IOS - Leibniz Institute of East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

Chaired by **Dr. Gerlinde Groitl** (University of Regensburg)

COFFEE BREAK

**11:00-12:45**

Session 2: PANEL

**THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN CRISIS:  
ANTI-GLOBALISM IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD?**

*The Costs and Benefits of Globalization: A decade of experience and uncharted waters ahead*

**Prof. Dr. András Inotai** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)

*On the Motives for and Rationality of Anti-globalist Policies*

**Prof. Dr. Jürgen Jerger** (University of Regensburg)

*Three Ingredients for Anti-Globalism in the United States:*

*Hegemonic Decline, Technological Progress, Domestic Policy Failure*

**Prof. Dr. Welf Werner** (Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg)

Chaired by: **Dr. Olga Popova**

(IOS – Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)

LUNCH – UNIKAT, UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

**14:00-15:45**

Session 3: PANEL

**COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY: GLOBAL STRUCTURES, NATIONAL DISCOURSES?**

*Title tbc*

**Dr. Antje Glück** (Teesside University)

*The Global Needs the Local: Digital Infrastructures and National Resources*

**Prof. Dr. Christiane Heibach** (University of Regensburg)

*Title tbc*

**Prof. Dr. Wulf Kansteiner** (Aarhus University)

Chaired by: **Prof. Dr. Bernhard Dotzler** (University of Regensburg)

COFFEE BREAK

**16:15-17:30**

**TURBO TALKS**

DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS' PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

*Russia's Normative Alternative? The Internalization of Norms of Civil and Political Rights and the Dynamics of Contestation*

**Evgeniya Baklaova** (IOS, Regensburg)

**Verena Baier** (University of Regensburg)

Chaired by: **Dr. Paul Vickers** (CITAS, University of Regensburg)

**18:00-20:00**

**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

*How the Global became National after 1989:*

*Economic Thinking at Non-Aligned Banks, the United Nations, and the World Bank*

**Prof. Dr. Johanna Bockman** (George Mason University, Virginia)

DINNER – KNEITINGER KELLER  
Galgenbergstraße 18, 93053 Regensburg

Saturday, 4 May 2019

Großer Sitzungssaal, Room PT 3.0.79. Universitätsstr. 31, Regensburg

**09:15-11:00**

**Session 4**

PANEL

**REMAKING NATIONS AND REGIONS: CITIZENSHIP, BORDERS AND MIGRATION**

*Moving Borders, Mobile Labour, Migrant Nations*

**Prof. Dr. Manuela Bojadzjev** (Leuphana University, Lüneburg/ Humboldt University Berlin)

*Unmaking Borders: Liberal Global Orders and Freedom of Movement*

**Jun. Prof. Dr. Jannis Panagiotidis** (University of Osnabrück)

*Visualizing Protest: African (Diasporic) Art and Contemporary Mediterranean Crossings*

**PD Dr. Heike Raphael-Hernandez** (University of Würzburg)

Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer**

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COFFEE BREAK

**11:15-13:00**

**Session 5**

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**BEYOND THE NATION: FROM LOCALISM TO COSMOPOLITANISM**

*Title tbc*

**Prof. Dr. Volker Depkat** (University of Regensburg)

*Postcommunist postcolonialism in Russia and Poland*

**Prof. Dr. Dirk Uffelmann** (University of Passau)

*Title tbc*

**Prof. Dr. Fernando Vallespín** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

*Objectively obsolete and yet rapidly resurgent: National literature in the age of Angloglobalism*

**Prof. Dr. Dirk Wiemann** (University of Potsdam)

Chaired by: **Prof. Dr. Sabine Koller** (University of Regensburg)

**13:10-13:30**

CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Jochen Mecke** (University of Regensburg)

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