Welcome to the CITAS Newsletter - April 2019

We are pleased you have attended previous CITAS events and/or shown an interest in our Center. We hope you are happy to receive this newsletter. If you would like to be removed from the CITAS Mailing List please contact citas@ur.de

Following the description of CITAS events, you will find at the end of the email and overview of selected area studies-related events taking place in Regensburg this semester.

CITAS Events

**CITAS Conference, 2-4 May 2019.** Obsolete, Resilient, Resurgent: The Nation-State in a Globalized World. The conference is open to all and [the programme is available here](http://archive.newsletter2go.com/?n2g=8b2wadeb-j2ro1ptv-474).

Workshop with **Johanna Bockman - Neoliberalism as a paradigm for understanding social and economic change in Eastern Europe and beyond. 6 May 2019,** 14:00-16:00, Room 109, IOS/ Altes Finanzamt. Please register, ideally by 1 May. [More information is available here](http://archive.newsletter2go.com/?n2g=8b2wadeb-j2ro1ptv-474).
First CITAS Conference  
2-4 May 2019

Invited guests from Regensburg, Germany and around the world will discuss the contemporary and historical intersections of the nation-state and processes of globalization. The event is inspired by the sense that today there is a resurgence of unilateral, nation-centred thinking and practice in the realms of international relations, economics, politics and culture. However, the speakers will examine the historical context of this development, as well as its regional differentiation, to consider how the retreat from multilateralism and cooperation might be approached.

The conference programme can be found here. The event is open to all. No registration is required.

The University of Regensburg and the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) have received approval from the Leibniz Association for a Leibniz ScienceCampus exploring the history and present of transatlantic relations across the disciplinary spectrum. Aspects of relations between North and South America, on the one hand, with Western and Eastern Europe, on the other, in the realms of culture, politics, economics, international relations and law will be explored in Regensburg over the coming years. A full press release can be found here, in German.

The aim of the ScienceCampus format is to encourage collaboration between Leibniz institutes, like IOS, and partners at nearby universities.

CITAS is pleased to have contributed to the
Drawing on area studies’ traditional strengths, evident in its multi-regional and multidisciplinary perspectives, 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?

Matthias Middell will give a keynote lecture at IOS (Landshuter Str. 4) on 2 May at 18:00. Johanna Bockman will give a keynote lecture on 3 May at 18:00 on campus at PT3.0.79 (Grosser Sitzungssaal).

The other sections of the conference will include traditional conference papers, two panel discussions and “turbo talks” by doctoral researchers.

The event is kindly supported by the Vielberth Foundation and IOS.

CITAS Dialog 2019: Europe between Crisis and Revival
25 April 2019, 16 May 2019, 13 June 2019 and 10 July 2019

CITAS is grateful to the Vielberth Foundation for funding a series of public discussions and events exploring current significant processes and events shaping the world, Europe, Germany and the local region today. These spheres are interconnected in a globalized world, one where borders are being crossed but also reinforced. The impact is evident on the global, national
and local scales in the economy, the environment, the shifting political and cultural landscape, and migration.

The first event in the series was held on 25 April in cooperation with the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies (GSOSES) and the Regensburg Lectures, organized by IOS. Lauri Mälksoo (Professor of International Law, Tartu) and the journalist Gesine Dornblüth engaged in a lively discussion chaired by Cindy Wittke (IOS, and CITAS Advisory Board member) on the subject of Russia’s stance towards international law and its neighbours. With over seventy people in attendance, including many students and members of the public, the speakers engaged with the audience’s questions, offering a balanced assessment of the extent to which Russia is an aggressor as well as in some cases potentially a peacekeeper.

Germany’s role in US-European Relations: Politics and Culture.
The second event in the series will take place on Thursday 16 May at 18:00 in the Vielberth Building (H25), on campus. Madeleine Schwartz, a Berlin-based journalist who writes for The Guardian, The New York Review of Books and The London Review of Books, among other publications, will discuss the state of German-US and US-European relations in the realms of politics and culture. She will consider in a discussion chaired by Tamara Heger (Regensburg European-American Forum) and Paul Vickers (CITAS) the perception of Germany’s role in European-US relations and how the political and cultural intersect.

Europa – quo vadis?! What comes next after the European Elections and Brexit
On Thursday 13 June, the third CITAS Dialog will take place at Evangelisches Bildungswerk Regensburg, Am Ölberg 2, at 19:00. The head of the education centre, Dr Carsten Lenk, will chair a discussion involving Rainer Liedtke (UR), Jochen Mecke (UR), Ulf
Brunnbauer (IOS) and Joanna Rostek (JLU, Giessen) will discuss the outcome of the European Elections and the significance of Brexit, providing insight into multiple European regions, from the UK through France and Spain to Central and Southeastern Europe.

Warum schlechte Regierungsführung so stabil sein kann. Beispiele aus Italien und Südosteuropa
How does bad governance prove so stable?
Examples from Italy and Southeast Europe
Andrea Lorenzo Capussela (author of The Political Economy of Italy’s Decline, OUP), a political scientist specializing on his home country of Italy and Kosovo, and Klaus Buchenau (historian of Southeast Europe in Regensburg) will discuss with Prof. Rainer Arnold the issue of how corruption and clientelism can, despite undermining governments, generate a degree of economic and political stability.

10 July at 18:00 in H25 (Vielberth Building),

Looking Back:
Regensburg Global - interesting and fun knowledge about Eastern Europe and beyond

Nacht.Schafft.Wissen at IOS/ Altes Finanzamt, 12 April 2019

Together with colleagues at IOS and GSOSES, CITAS contributed to a long evening of lectures, discussion and fun exchanges as part of the Nacht.Schafft.Wissen event, where Regensburg’s research institutions and businesses open their doors to the public. The programme at IOS (Altes Finanzamt) complemented the events taking place on campus with a focus on area studies, offering insight into the innovative work on Eastern and Southeastern Europe together with the Americas and other parts of Europe being conducted in Regensburg.
The opening family-friendly section covered subjects such as research on vampires, socialist automobility, space exploration and cartoons, and night workers in Regensburg, which led into a discussion of the impact of the end of the Cold War and EU expansion on the economic boom in this region. A series of five(ish)-minute lectures took listeners on a trip about the globe, covering revolutions from the USA and Latin America to Greece and Ukraine. The evening concluded with a pub quiz, **kindly sponsored by Bischofshof**, that offered a chance learn more about Eastern Europe in its global contexts. We look forward to doing it all again in 2021!

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**CITAS Pizza Lunch - Brown-Bag Seminars**

This summer semester, CITAS is launching an event series that gives a platform to guest researchers in Regensburg.

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allowing them to meet more colleagues and gain feedback in an informal atmosphere on their research. The events will be held at CITAS, SG.214.

On Wednesday 3 July at 12:30 Goran Music (CEU Budapest/Vienna), will present his research on labour history in Southeastern Europe.

On Wednesday 24 July at 12:30 Robert Priest (Royal Holloway, London), will discuss his work on the transnational history of the Oberammergau Passion Plays.

The series is open to all and we are also open to more suggestions for participants in this and coming semesters.

University provides a thorough understanding of Europe not only as an actor in an increasingly globalised world, but also views the area as a transnational community. Students approach Europe from a multidisciplinary perspective through the areas of history, law, economics, and literary and cultural studies.

Applications are now invited from students to start in October 2019. The deadline is 15 June 2019.

More information on the programme is available here.

Partner's Events and Calls for Papers

Over the course of the semester, many interesting area studies-related events will be taking place in Regensburg. If your institute and department is organizing relevant events, please send us details and we are happy to advertise them on Facebook, in the newsletter and on the CITAS Website. Likewise if you have recently published work in the field of area studies, we are happy to include mentions of publications in future newsletters.

Ongoing until 9 May - CinEsCultura Film Festival - Our friends at the Spanish Research Centre are currently hosting their annual film festival, with a focus this year on Chile.
Europe Week from 7 May – Our friends at the Europaeum – East-West Centre will launch their series of Europawoche events on 7 May. This year the focus is on Romania, with a host of discussions, lectures and films, as well as culinary delights, to be enjoyed throughout the week.

On Tuesday 14 May, Jennifer Keating (University College Dublin) will speak at the research seminar of the chair of European History on "Anti-colonial rebellion and political ecology: The Russian civil war in Central Asia, 1916-1920". The event takes place in the Vielberth Building, VG2.39 starting at 16:15.

The IOS Annual Conference will take place from 23-25 May 2019 - Firms and Social Change in Eastern and Southeastern Europe: Historical, Political and Economic Perspectives. The full programme can be found here.

The research laboratory on Southeast and East European history and anthropology will host regular seminars on Thursdays from 14:00-16:00 throughout the semester. The programme can be found here.

The Regensburg Lectures on Eastern Europe included one event co-organized with CITAS, the discussion with Lauri Mälskoo and Gesine Domblüth on 25 April. The series will continue with further discussions on the situation of academia in Hungary, Hungary’s relations to Europe and the situation in eastern Ukraine. The full programme can be found here.

Lecture Series – Migration and Education (Migration und Bildung). On selected Wednesdays throughout the semester, a lecture series organized by Prof. Dr. Meiser Munser-Kiefer together with take place at 18:00 in Lecture Theatre H3. Among those contributing is Ulf Brunnbauer, chair of the CITAS Executive Board. His lecture on 17 July will discuss fears of migration currently expressed in Eastern Europe. The full programme can be found here.

On September 23-24 the Serbian-Bavarian Higher Education Day, coordinated by our colleagues at Bayhost, will take place in Bamberg. The event aims to develop cooperation in research and teaching between the countries both in natural and engineering sciences and humanities and social sciences. The programm can be found here.

Call for Articles - Zeitschrift für Kultur- und Kollektivwissenschaft (ZKKW) zum Rahmenthema Kollektivität in der „Gesellschaft der Singularitäten“ (Collectivity in the Society of Singularities). Our partners at the reserach centre for collectivities have issued a call for contributions to their renowned journal. For more information following this link.

Call for Applications – Käte Hamburger Kollegs. The Federal Ministry of Education and Science has issued a call for a new round of
application for prestigious Käte Hamburger Kollegs with two funding strands – one convering innovative interdisciplinary research across the humanities and social sciences, and a second seeking applications for transdisciplinary projects linking these fields to the natural sciences.

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