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## CITAS Newsletter - February 2020

Welcome to the February 2020 edition of the CITAS Newsletter. The semester break might now be upon us, but there are numerous events related to area studies taking place between now and Easter in Regensburg and beyond. In this newsletter, you will find details of events organized by CITAS, the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America, and by partners in Regensburg. We will also be looking back at the winter semester of 2019/20.

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### CITAS News

Prof. Dr. Jochen Mecke is again the spokesperson of the CITAS Executive Board. The position changes on an annual basis in accordance with the CITAS Statute.

CITAS is now a member of the [CrossArea association](#), which represents area studies institutes in Germany and provides a network for discussions on developments in the field.

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## CITAS Doctoral Position available (WHK 80)

CITAS has received funding from the Free State of Bavaria and University of Regensburg as part of the most recent higher education target agreement (Zielvereinbarung). We are thus offering one part-time research assistant (WHK) post of 80 hours a month for new or current doctoral students pursuing a project in area studies. The deadline for applications is 16 February. [More information on how to apply can be found here](#).

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### CITAS at the Regensburger Hochschultag and new flyer

CITAS will be have a stand at the [Regensburger Hochschultag](#) on 14 February. We will be in the central foyer by the University of Regensburg Audimax with information on Regensburg's binational and area studies-related degree programmes. You can also pick up a copy of CITAS' new flyer in [English](#) or [German](#) from our stand. Please write to us if you would like us to send you a copy by post.




# Brownbag Sessions

**Weds 11 March | 12:15-13:30**

**KSENIA MAKSIMOVTSOVA (St Petersburg)**

*in cooperation with: Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America in the Modern World and the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)*

## A New "East-West" Conflict?

### Media Representations of Coercive Economic Sanctions and Counter-Sanctions in Russian and US Digital Media after the Ukraine Crisis

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During the semester break, there will be a CITAS Brownbag Session with Dr. Ksenia Maksimovtsova. She will give a talk at 12:15 at CITAS (SG.214) on 11 March titled: A New "East-West" Conflict? Media Representations of Coercive Economic Sanctions and Counter-Sanctions in Russian and US Digital Media after the Ukraine Crisis.

Ksenia Maksimovtsova will be in Regensburg for the whole of March 2020 as a visiting researcher at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in collaborating with the Leibniz ScienceCampus. She will be working closely with the [Junior Research Group Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts, led by Dr. Cindy Wittke](#).

Ksenia Maksimovtsova is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Historical Research and a lecturer at the Department of Political Science at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (St. Petersburg, Russia) having graduated with a PhD from the University of Giessen in 2018.

We will have another full program of Brownbag Sessions in the upcoming summer semester. Some dates already confirmed include:

22 April, 12:15 - Prof. Dr. Jesús Izquierdo Martín, a historian from Universidad Autónoma Madrid – in collaboration with the [Spanienzentrum Regensburg](#).

27 May, 12:15 – Dr. Tamas Polya, a media studies scholar from the University of Pecs, Hungary – in collaboration with [I:IMSK Regensburg](#).

24 June, 12:15 – Prof. Dr. Claudia Sadowski-Smith, an American studies scholar from the University of Arizona – in collaboration with [REAF](#)

1 July, 12:15 – Dr. Celia Torrecillas Bautista, an economist from Complutense University Madrid – in collaboration with the [Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America](#)

## CITAS Research Networks in Area Studies

Thanks to the funding awarded in the latest round of the target agreement (Zielvereinbarung), CITAS is pleased to be able to fund two Research Networks in Area Studies. One network focuses on transnational knowledge production, the other on Mediterranean island areas. The networks encourage collaboration across disciplines in Regensburg, nationally and internationally, applying an area studies framework to cutting-edge and socially-relevant themes, including Science and Technology Studies, climate change, and migration. The networks are led by postdoctoral researchers, with collaborators including doctoral students, early career researchers and senior faculty from Regensburg and universities around the world.

There will be a launch event introducing the two networks in May 2020.



## Regensburg-Berkeley Doctoral Exchange Program

CITAS coordinates the doctoral exchange program with the [Institute of European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley](#). Following a call for applications, we received a number of applications from doctoral researchers based in Regensburg to spend up to five months at the IES. Later in 2020, [Eva-Maria Walther](#), a doctoral student in social anthropology and member of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies will travel to California. Currently, Verena Baier, a doctoral researcher in American studies, is in Berkeley as part of the program.

In 2019, we welcomed to Regensburg [two doctoral scholars from Berkeley](#) with the support of the Vielberth Foundation and look forward to another guest coming from the USA this year.

Lecture by Giuseppe F. Ferrari (Milan), 11 May, 12:00, H26  
Italian perspectives on the Judiciary

CITAS is pleased to be supporting a lecture by the renowned legal historian and lawyer Giuseppe Ferarri in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Rainer Arnold, Jean-Monnet Chair in European Law at the University of Regensburg.

This lecture explores with the problems concerning the independence of the judiciary in Italy. First of all, it analyzes the historical causes that characterize the current Italian situation: the condition of the judges during the fascist dictatorship and the resulting reasons why the founding fathers of the Republic trusted the judiciary in a very limited way. Then, the paper seeks to explain the unique problems that today undermine the independence of judiciary - the practice of judges running for political offices, the progressive politicization of the High Council of the judiciary, the judicial intervention in economic matters and the trend of judges making public statements to matters under judicial scrutiny - and explores the effectiveness of the current guarantees given judges to secure their independence. Such a situation derives at least in part from the vacuum created by the crisis of the political class which started in the 1990s.

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## Area Studies Events and Calls in Regensburg

**19. Feb, 13:30, Room 109 at IOS (Landshuter Str. 4)**

**Myth and populism: On the re-articulation of the Kosovo myth in Serbia after 2017**

Lecture by Marina Vulovic (Universität Helsinki, European Area and Cultural Studies; Visiting scholar at the IOS )

**Film Festival – [Mittel Punkt Europa](#)**

**Regensburg (28.02-03.03) and Munich (27.02-08.03)**

Our friends at [Europauem – East-West Centre of the University of Regensburg](#) are co-organizers of this film festival which showcases the latest films from across Central Europe. This year, alongside the regulars Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia, there will be films from the guest country, Slovenia. There is also a workshop with members of the Lodz Film School.

**Tues 25. February 2020, 09:00 – Wednesday 26. February 2020, 18:00**

**[Beyond Canon International Conference](#) "Sharing Myths, Texts and Sanctuaries in the South Caucasus: Apocryphal Themes in Literatures, Arts and Cults from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages"**

**19. March, 17:30-19:30, IOS**

**International Politics and International Law in the Post-Soviet Region Workshop**

Roundtable & Discussion with guests including Caroline von Gall (Cologne)  
This event is supported by the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America. It is organized by Cindy Wittke and the [Junior Research Group Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts](#)

**25. March 2020, 14:15, Room 017, IOS**

IOS Seminar: Luminița Gătejel

Contested Waterway. Governance and Ecology on the Lower Danube, 1800-2018

### Calls for Applications

[Winter School on Ukraine](#), Munich

Registration until 5 March

Summer Academy 2020: Inequalities and Redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe  
12th Joint IOS/APB/EACES Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe.

[Submission deadline: April 1, 2020.](#)

Dates: July 6–8, 2020

Location: Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing on Lake Starnberg near Munich

## Looking Back - Winter Semester 2019/2020

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### Ringvorlesung

**Crisis? What Crisis?**

Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf regionale, nationale und transnationale Krisen und ihre Folgen

Montag 18:15-19:45  
Rechts- und Wirtschaftswiss.  
Seminargebäude H14  
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**Programm**

**21.10.19 Jochen Mecke und Paul Vickers**  
Aspekte der Krise - Einführung in die Ringvorlesung

**28.10.19 Jürgen Jerger**  
Welche ökonomischen Auswirkungen hat der „Brexit“ in Deutschland?

**04.11.19 Mathias Häußler**  
Der Brexit als Krise der europäischen Integration? Eine zeitstorielle Perspektive.

**11.11.19 Anne-Julia Zwielerlein**  
„This was England after all“  
Die Brexit-Epoche und der Norden Englands als Krisenregion

**18.11.19 Volker Depkat**  
American Exceptionalism and the Crisis of American National Identity in the U.S. Today

**25.11.19 Sebastian Teupe (Bayreuth)**  
Boggy try Neighbor:  
Wirtschaftskrisen und Protektionismus in historischer Perspektive

**02.12.19 Jochen Mecke**  
Krisennarrative in Spanien und Frankreich

**09.12.19 Marina Ortrud Hertrampf**  
Narrative französischer „Migrationskrisen“ seit 2000

**16.12.19 Ulf Brunnbauer**  
Deindustrialisierung und Krisenbewusstsein in Südosteuropa

**13.01.20 Birgit Bauridl**  
Critical Whiteness Studies Transnational:  
Dynamiken von „White Supremacy“ und „White Privilege“ in Deutschland und den USA

**20.01.20 Christiane Heibach**  
Zwischen Filter Bubble und Ostracism:  
Die sozialen Medien als Krise der Kommunikation?

**27.01.20 Sheldon Garon (Princeton)**  
Morale on the Home Front, 1914-1945:  
Its Transnational Construction and Destruction.

**03.02.20 Harriet Rudolph**  
Migrationskrisen? Religionskrisen?  
Narrative der Viktimisierung im Kontext konfessioneller Zwangsmigration im 18. Jahrhundert

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### CITAS Dialog 2019

Europa Zwischen Krise und Aufbruch

Donnerstag, 12. Dezember, 18:15  
H26, Vielberth Gebäude, Universität Regensburg

Die EU als Krisenmanager? Frontex-Reform, Grenzsicherung und Migrationskontrollen

Die Migrationspolitik und der dazugehörige Außengrenzschutz rufen heutzutage in ihrer Herangehensweise die größte Uneinigkeit in den Mitgliedsstaaten der Europäischen Union auf. Wie sind die drängenden Herausforderungen in der europäischen Migrationspolitik zu meistern?

Der EU-Wissenschaftler Dr. Raphael Bossong diskutiert mit Prof. Dr. Robert Uerpmann-Witzack über aktuelle Themen der europäischen Grenzsicherung und Migrationskontrolle wie die Notwendigkeit eines Ausbaus von Frontex und die Sicherheitspolitik im östlichen Mittelmeer.

Vortrag und Diskussion mit **Dr. Raphael Bossong** (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik SWP) und Moderation von **Prof. Dr. Robert Uerpmann-Witzack** (UR Lehrstuhl für Öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht)

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### CITAS Lecture Series (Ringvorlesung) 2019/20 – Crisis? What Crisis?

The second [CITAS lecture series](#) addressed the theme of crisis. Across multiple areas, spaces and historical periods, the lecture series sought to contextualize the current tendency to frame social trends through the concept of crisis. The lectures considered the spatial and transnational dimensions of crises. The international entanglements of the economy and politics, as well as the

### CITAS Dialog

In 2019, CITAS received funding from the [Vielberth Foundation](#) for a series of public discussions addressing the [theme of Europe between Crisis and Revival](#). In winter semester two further events took place. One was with the renowned journalist and author Joachim Jauer, who was formerly head of the ZDF office in East Berlin and regular correspondent from communist and post-communist Eastern and Central Europe. In November, as part of the “Goodbye Socialism, Hello Capitalism” series co-organized by CITAS

movement of people, ideas and cultures, indicate that crises cannot be considered within a narrow national framework. Instead, it is necessary to explore their regional, national and global impact, and the intersections of these scales of action across multiple social realms, in order to understand crises and their consequences. Indeed, such international and transnational connections can be a cause of crises, they can intensify them, but they can also offer solutions to them.

The lecture series featured contributions from scholars from the University of Regensburg and IOS, as well as guest lectures. We are grateful to Prof. Dr. Sebastian Teupe from the University of Bayreuth for presenting a fascinating comparative history of protectionist trends following periods of economic or financial crisis. And we were very pleased to welcome the Princeton history professor Sheldon Garon to the series in January as part of the collaboration between CITAS and the Chair of European History in Regensburg. Prof. Garon addressed the transnational history of the impact of aerial warfare on civilian populations in Japan, Germany and the UK.

We are grateful to all the speakers who contributed to the lecture series, providing insight to the members of the public, staff and students who came. We are also pleased that thirty students from across a range of humanities and social science disciplines took the final exam from the lecture series.

with IOS and the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Joachim Jauer took part in a CITAS Dialog panel discussion on whether the revolutions of 1989 have proven to be a wasted opportunity in light of the rise of populist and anti-democratic tendencies. The discussion took place at Evangelisches Bildungswerk, Regensburg, where a full house enjoyed a passionate and insightful debate.

For more on the event, please [follow this link](#). Photos are [available here](#).

In December we welcomed Dr. Raphael Bossong to Regensburg for a CITAS Dialog discussion on the reform of Frontex and EU migration policy. [Dr. Bossong is an expert in the field from Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Berlin](#). Dr. Bossong gave a short introductory lecture, which was followed by a discussion expertly moderated by Prof. Dr. Robert Uerpmann-Witzack, Chair of Public and International Law in Regensburg. The event was promoted by the Junges Europa society and CITAS hopes to collaborate more with them in future.

Raphael Bossong offered critical insight into the ways in which the European Union is seeking to deal with migration from outside the EU and what this entails for both its internal cohesion and foreign policy objectives.

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## Brownbag Sessions

Winter Semester 2019/20 | Weds, 12:15-13:30

**6 NOV 19 AMIN AFROUZI**  
University of California, Berkeley; Visiting Researcher Berkeley-Regensburg Doctoral Exchange Program  
Normative Dimensions of Law in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

**27 NOV 19 FRANK MEHRING**  
Radboud University, Nijmegen; in cooperation with the Regensburg European-American Forum REAF  
Transnational Life Writing: Re-Mapping the Life and Oeuvre of the German-American Painter, Designer and Teacher Winold Reiss

**4 DEC 19 FRANCISCO VERDES-MONTENEGRO ESCÁÑEZ**  
Complutense, Madrid; Visiting Fellow at the Leibniz-ScienceCampus Europe and America  
TBC/ Area Studies, security and international relations in Europe and Latin America

**8 JAN 20 GIULIO SALVATI**  
New York University; Guest Researcher at IOS  
A War After the War? Ethnic Expulsions from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and the campaigns against "nomadism" in Italy and West Germany

**15 JAN 20 PIA WIGEMINK**  
Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Mainz/ Chair of American Studies, UR  
Transatlantic Affective Communities and the Abolitionist  
Gift Book *The Liberty Bell* (1839-1859)

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Following two events in summer semester 2019, the winter semester saw a full program of Brownbag Sessions. These lunchtime gatherings provide a platform for visiting scholars in Regensburg to network with colleagues, students and other researchers. The speakers including visiting Berkeley scholar Amin Afrouzi and Leibniz ScienceCampus fellow Francisco Verdes Montenegro from Madrid. Regensburg European-American Forum (REAF) collaborated with CITAS in organizing talks by Frank Mehring (Nijmegen) and Pia Wigemink (Mainz/ Regensburg). [Full descriptions of the events can be found here](#).

## Doctoral Workshop with Doris Bachmann-Medick

CITAS is delighted to have been able to provide a venue for a two-day masterclass and lecture with Dr. Doris Bachmann-Medick, adjunct senior research fellow at the Graduate School for the Study of Culture, Giessen. [The event was organized by PUR - Promotionskolleg der Philosophischen Fakultäten](#). CITAS looks forward to collaborating in future with PUR on supporting doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

## Reading with Joy Castro – collaboration with REAF

Award-winning author and literary scholar Prof. Dr. Joy Castro from University of Nebraska-Lincoln made the trip to Regensburg and spent two days at [REAF](#). On Tuesday, 29 October, Joy Castro read from several of her works at the Haus der Begegnung in Regensburg. The texts included her nonfiction collection *Island of Bones* and a new short story called Betrayed. The audience was also introduced to Nola Céspedes, protagonist of Joy Castro's crime novel, set in New Orleans, LA., *Hell or High Water*, which Castro calls "a beach-read for intelligent persons". Prof. Castro was accompanied by UR's Prof. Dr. Ursula Regener who read from the German translation of the same section of the novel as the author, which made for very interesting opportunities for discussion. CITAS was pleased to collaborate with REAF in supporting this event.

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