

## CITAS: NETWORKING

As a platform for area studies, CITAS encourages connections with and between the numerous institutions at the University of Regensburg that promote teaching and research relevant to area studies. We work particularly closely with:

- Regensburg European-American Forum (REAF)
- Spanish Research Centre (CEH)
- Europaeum - Ost-West-Zentrum
- Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies (GS-OSES)

Regensburg is also home to the **Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)**, one of Germany's largest centers specializing in these regions. CITAS has fostered cooperation between UR and IOS, with one outcome being Bavaria's first **Leibniz ScienceCampus – Europe and America in the Modern World**. This collaborative, multi-disciplinary project works towards better understanding of transatlantic relations and connections. The ScienceCampus supports the research of doctoral students, early career scholars and senior faculty. It also fosters international exchange through a visiting fellowship program.

[www.ur.de/citas/english/partners](http://www.ur.de/citas/english/partners)  
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Partner of the Regensburg-Berkeley Doctoral Exchange Program.

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## CITAS: AIMS

This interfaculty research center was founded in 2017 and involves the Faculty of Philosophy, Art History, History, and Humanities, and the Faculty of Languages, Literature, and Cultures at the University of Regensburg. The Center encourages synergies between the expertise in area studies in Regensburg provided by institutions within the University and by non-university research centers, such as the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS). CITAS promotes the specialist research from across the disciplines in Regensburg on the **regions of East and South-Eastern Europe, Western and Southern Europe, and North America and Latin America**. It acts as a platform for developing teaching, research and outreach endeavors that foster **comparative, transregional and global approaches** to area studies, thus not only furthering knowledge on particular regions but also the connections between them.

## CITAS: RESEARCH

One of CITAS key roles is facilitating cooperation in area studies-related research. The Center offers a platform for developing the conceptual and methodological foundations of **multidisciplinary, multiperspectival, multiscalar and transregional area studies** at the University of Regensburg. By encouraging collaborative projects, it furthers the University's goal of making transnational area studies a key focus of research in the humanities and social sciences. Its **international conferences and research workshops** work towards raising the profile of Regensburg as a location for innovative research. The regular **Brownbag Sessions** offer a platform for international visiting scholars to present their research to an audience of students and faculty in a fruitfully relaxed atmosphere while enabling international network-building.

[www.ur.de/citas/english/events/brownbag-sessions](http://www.ur.de/citas/english/events/brownbag-sessions)

## CITAS: OUTREACH

CITAS participates in the dissemination of research and knowledge to the broader public. Beyond the annual lecture series, it organizes **CITAS Dialog**, a regular series of panel discussions and talks involving scholars, journalists, policymakers and members of think tanks. Each year, the Dialog events focus on a socially-relevant topic shaping current debates, thus highlighting the broader relevance of area studies-based knowledge. In 2019, the series addressed the future of Europe, while in 2020 CITAS Dialog focuses on views from across the world on the US presidential election. CITAS has also contributed to events such as "Nacht.Schafft.Wissen", an open evening showcasing science, technology and knowledge production in Regensburg, in collaboration with partner institutions.

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## CITAS: TEACHING

Each winter semester, CITAS organizes a **lecture series (Ringvorlesung)** that is open to the public and to students from across the disciplines. Those studying on **Regensburg's innovative binational degree programs**, such as German-Spanish or German-Czech Studies, are particularly encouraged to attend. The lecture series showcases the research of faculty working in area studies while also offering a platform to renowned national and international guests who address the lecture series' central themes. In 2018/19, the series explored international orders and identities in the context of the transnational turn, while in 2019/20 the central theme was crisis and crisis-solving in the global context. CITAS also encourages the incorporation of area studies perspectives into UR's broader teaching profile.

[www.ur.de/citas/english/events/citas-lecture-series](http://www.ur.de/citas/english/events/citas-lecture-series)

## CITAS: EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS

Through targeted funding from the Free State of Bavaria, CITAS supports two **Research Networks** led by early career networks. 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. CITAS employs a doctoral student as a research assistant, supporting the development both of his/her project and research management skills. The **Regensburg-Berkeley Doctoral Exchange Program** is also managed by CITAS, with one visiting researcher per year coming to Germany and one Regensburg scholar spending up to five months at the Institute for European Studies at UC Berkeley to work on an area studies related project.

[www.ur.de/citas/english/early-career-researchers](http://www.ur.de/citas/english/early-career-researchers)



CITAS Brownbag Session with Leibniz ScienceCampus Visiting Fellow Francisco Verdes-Montenegro Escáñez (Madrid) 04/12/2019