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## CITAS Newsletter - June 2020

Welcome to the June 2020 edition of the CITAS Newsletter. The COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions have, of course, impacted on the work of CITAS. But we, together with our partners, are organizing online events, including a discussion on developing area studies with our **partners at UC Berkeley** and the return of the **CITAS Dialog** series.. We also have a **postdoc position available**. Read on for more information.

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## CITAS Postdoctoral Position available (TV-L 13, 66% FTE, one year)

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 a one-year, part-time (66%) post for postdoctoral researchers looking to develop a funding application to pursue a postdoc project (habilitation) at the University of Regensburg. The deadline for applications is 30 June. For more information, [please follow this link](#).

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**CITAS DIALOG 2020:  
FEAR AND LOATHING?  
THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD**

THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
IN UKRAINIAN EYES:  
NEPOTISM, CORRUPTION  
AND CELEBRITY PRESIDENTS

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:  
NATALIA GUMENYUK (KYIV)  
ORYSIA LUTSEVYCH (LONDON)  
SERGEJ SUMLENNY (KYIV)

CHAired BY:  
CINDY WITKE (REGENSBURG)

📅 24 June 2020, 18:15-19:45  
📺 ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
✉️ [CITAS@UR.DE](mailto:CITAS@UR.DE)

<https://www.ur.de/citas/veranstaltungen/citas-dialog>

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### CITAS Dialog 2020

Fear and Loathing? The US  
Presidential Elections in the Eyes of  
the World

#### The US Presidential Election in Ukrainian Eyes: Nepotism, Corruption and Celebrity Presidents

24 June 2020, 18:15, [via Zoom](#)

The CITAS Dialog series is back, focussing on the US presidential elections in the global context. Join us via Zoom to gain insight into the Ukrainian perspective on the upcoming elections and European-US relations more broadly. For more information on the event, [click here](#).

Three established experts from journalism, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and think tanks working in, from and on

Ukraine will offer their perspectives on US-Ukrainian relations. They will discuss the significance of Ukraine, and the broader East European region, for the upcoming US presidential elections and international relations. Strategically positioned between Russia and the EU, affected by armed conflict since 2014, Ukraine has been a focal point of international politics for years. Yet, the USA has refused strong involvement, not to mention leadership, in reaching a conflict settlement. Is this an indication that US foreign policy is turning its back on Ukraine, the region and maybe even Europe?

The speakers are Orysia Lutsevych (Chatham House, London), Natalia Gumenyuk (Hromadske TV, Kyiv) and Sergej Sumlenny (Böll Stiftung, Kyiv). The event is chaired by Cindy Wittke, (IOS, Regensburg).



Research Colloquium

## Building Global, International and Area Studies at UC Berkeley

18 June, 18:15, [via Zoom](#)

Jeroen Dewulf, Director of the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley, will discuss the development of area studies at his institution in conversation with Ulf Brunnbauer. You are all welcome to join via Zoom for this event which is part of the joint research colloquium of the [Lebniz ScienceCampus Europe and America](#) and the [Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies](#)

For more information on the event, [click here](#).

## Area Studies Beyond Regions? New Comparative Approaches in the Field

Joint discussion involving CITAS (Regensburg) and Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America (Regensburg), GWZO (Leipzig) and the LOEWE-Schwerpunkt „Konfliktregionen im östlichen Europa“ as part of the Colloquium of the Herder Institute Research Academy

**Thursday 18. June 2020, 15:00 – 17:00 Uhr**

Chair: Peter Haslinger

Presentations by: Ulf Brunnbauer (IOS, Regensburg), Jonas Hock, Laura Linzmeier (Universität Regensburg, CITAS Islands Network); Katja Naumann, Corinne Geering (GWZO, Leipzig); Anna Veronika Wendland, Christian Lotz (Herder-Institut für historische Ostmitteleuropaforschung, Marburg)

You are welcome to join the discussion via zoom - please email [citas@ur.de](mailto:citas@ur.de) - for access details.

Abstract:

Area studies are undergoing a rebirth at the moment. This is evident not only in renewed investment in research infrastructure (in Germany at least) but also in the emergence of a wealth

of conceptual and methodological propositions for the field. Recent handbooks and articles have outlined visions of critical, transregional and comparative area studies, to name just a few. Inspired by the transnational and spatial turns, these approaches maintain area studies inherent multi-disciplinarity while increasingly moving away from the focus on single regions and towards the interconnections between and comparisons of areas of the world. This discussion brings together researchers associated with three Leibniz Institutes whose focus lies on Eastern, Central and Southeastern Europe to discuss how comparative approaches, in particular, might be made fruitful in area studies scholarship.

## CITAS Research Networks in Area Studies

Thanks to the funding awarded in the latest round of the target agreement (Zielvereinbarung), CITAS is funding two Research Networks in Area Studies. One network focuses on transnational knowledge production - [KNOW-IN](#), the other on Mediterranean island areas - [MS-ISLA](#). 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.

The networks were [launched online in May 2020](#). We look forward to a more formal launch when conditions allow.

## Call for Papers | Graduate Conference | November 2020 Unbuilding binaries: Exploring affective and analytical responses to binary divisions as encountered in the field

The Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, in cooperation with the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America, invites contributions for an interdisciplinary graduate conference. For more details, [click here](#). The deadline for applications is 7 July.

## Looking Ahead

CITAS is planning another [Ringvorlesung / Lecture Series](#). In Winter Semester 2020/21 the lecture series will address European-American relations and will take place in cooperation with the Leibniz ScienceCampus.

CITAS and the ScienceCampus will soon launch a **prize for the best Master's dissertation** at the University of Regensburg submitted over the last three semesters. We will send details soon.

## Looking Back - Winter Semester 2019/2020



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### Ringvorlesung



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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

**Program**

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

**28.10.19** Jürgen Jerges  
Welche ökonomischen Auswirkungen hat der ‚Brexit‘ in Deutschland?

**04.11.19** Matthias Häußler  
Der Brexit als Krise der europäischen Integration? Eine zethistorische Perspektive

**11.11.19** Anne-Julia Zwierelein  
„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 Tespe (Bayreuth)  
Beggar thy 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 ‚Migrations-Krisen‘ seit 2000

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

**13.01.20** Birgit Baszidi  
Critical Whiteness Studies Transnational:  
Dynamiken von ‚White Supremacy‘ und ‚White Privilege‘ in Deutschland und den USA

**20.01.20** Christiane Heibach

Montag 18:15-19:45  
Rechts- und Wirtschaftswiss.  
Seminargebäude H14  
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Zwischen Filter Bubble und Shitstorm:  
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? Religionen?  
Narrative der Viktimisierung im Kontext konfessioneller Zwangsmigration  
im 18. Jahrhundert



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Öffentliche  
Veranstaltung.  
Alle Willkommen!

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 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.

## 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 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.



## 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 WIEGMINK**  
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.](#)

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