



## CAS NEWSLETTER

Winter Semester 2016/17

### Editorial

#### AGAINST THE CURRENT BACKGROUND

While the term "refugee crisis" is dominating the current descriptions of the political situation in Europe, we are losing sight of the paths of those who are actually fleeing. Against this background the CAS Research Focus "Representing Migration" will begin its work with a lecture series on the subject of "Passages".

The CAS Research Groups, created this semester for the first time, will be led by Prof. Dr. Dieter Braun (Physics) and Prof. Dr. Oliver Primavesi (Greek Philology). Details of the topics under investigation from fall 2017 can be found in this newsletter.

### Research Groups

#### "RECREATING THE ORIGIN OF LIFE" AND "EDITING METAPHYSICS"

Two Research Groups are going to start their work at the Center for Advanced Studies in October 2017, one in the field of Natural Sciences, the other in the Humanities:

- Prof. Dr. Dieter Braun, Faculty of Physics, Systems Biophysics: Research Group "Recreating the Origin of Life"
- Prof. Dr. Oliver Primavesi, Faculty of Languages and Literatures, Classics: Research Group "Editing Metaphysics"

The next call is going to be published in the course of October.

*To the call for applications.*

### Research Focuses

#### "THE POWERFUL WILL" – MORAL BEHAVIOR

To conclude the research focus "Moral Behavior", representatives of the fields of philosophy, psychology and economics will discuss the question of how strength and weakness of will affect decision-making processes, as well as the role of self-control. The conference "The Moral Demands of Relationships", which will directly follow this discussion, will investigate the extent to which personal relationships are characterized by biased behavior. This aspect gains significance primarily due to the fact that impartiality is generally understood as a central principle of moral behavior.

The visiting fellows are: Prof. Dr. Katharina Holzinger (Konstanz), Prof. Marina Oshana, PhD (UC Davis), Prof. Laurie Paul, PhD (UNC Chapel Hill).

#### 4 Lectures: "The Powerful Will"

Prof. Richard Holton, PhD (Cambridge), Prof. Walter Mischel, PhD (Columbia), Prof. David Laibson, PhD (Harvard), Prof. Dr. Monika Betzler (LMU)

#### 15-17 February 2017

Conference "The Moral Demands of Relationships"

#### "WHAT'S NEW IN NETWORKS?" – Network Sciences

Mathematics, informatics, genome research, philosophy – these are just some of the disciplines represented in the CAS Research Focus "Quantitative Network Science". This Research Focus seeks to build bridges between these disciplines and has conducted an international workshop that poses the question "What's New in Networks?".

*Click here for an overview of all CAS Research Focuses.*

### Lecture Series

#### PASSAGES

The passage by ship was a symbol for the streams of emigration in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The dangerous routes across the Mediterranean Sea expose the hardships and risks endured by refugees today when they attempt to reach Europe. It is therefore no coincidence that the new CAS research focus "Representing Migration" has placed the lecture series "Passages" at the beginning of its work. In the course of this series, current socio-political topics will be given equal attention to conceptual approaches that take the idea of passage seriously as a time and path of transition.

*Click here for an overview of all CAS events in the winter semester.*

### Researcher in Residence

#### SENIOR RESEARCHER IN RESIDENCE

Festival cultures, democracy research and scientific reasoning – these are the topics under investigation from the new CAS Senior Researcher in Residence groups from the Fall.

- "Scientific Reasoning and Argumentation": Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann with Dr. Benjamin Eva, Dr. Karolina Krzyżanowska, Marko Tešić and Harry Waterstone  
Fellows: Prof. Eleonora Cresto, PhD (Buenos Aires), Prof. Dr. Gabriele Oaks-Isberner (Düsseldorf), Prof. Mike Oksford, PhD (London), Prof. David Over, PhD (Durham)
- "A Complexity-Capacity Paradox? Why Constrained States Make Increasingly Complex Policies and how this Affects Democracy": Prof. Dr. Christoph Knill with Dr. Christian Adam, Dr. Steffen Hurka and Yves Steinebach  
Fellows: Prof. Dr. Carmine Bianchi (Palermo)
- "Festivals in the Early Bronze Age City-States of Mesopotamia: A Synthesis Based on Cuneiform and Archeological Evidence": Prof. Adelheid Otto and Prof. Walther Sallaberger with Evelyn Kutzer, Dr. Paola Paoletti, Dr. Elisa Roßberger and Felix Seifert

#### 12 and 13 December 2016

International Workshop "Reasoning in Physics"

#### JUNIOR RESEARCHER IN RESIDENCE

Postdocs at the LMU have the possibility to reduce their teaching obligation for a period of one semester in which they work at CAS on the completion of their second book.

- Dr. Christian Kirchmeier (German Literature) works on romantic drama
- Dr. Anette Schlimm (History) works on the forms and developments of politicization and government in rural Europe between 1850 and 1950
- Dr. Daniela Stöppel (Art History) works on Gustave Courbet in the context of the natural sciences

#### 23 and 24 February 2017

International Workshop "Political and Economic Spaces of Collective Action in Modern Rural Europe"

### Visiting Fellows

#### COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

18 international visiting fellows from 8 nations will cooperate with their hosts at LMU. These visiting fellows include the art historian Elizabeth Otto (University of Buffalo), who has been invited to the CAS by Burcu Dogramaci for the research project "Passages of Exile". The social anthropologist Timothy Ingold (Aberdeen) will work with Martin Saxer on the subject of "How Materials Correspond", on which he will present a lecture on 9 February 2017. The professor of philosophy Marina Oshana (UC Davis) will investigate questions of moral philosophy, such as the formation of autonomy, in cooperation with Monika Betzler.

*Click here for an overview of all visiting fellows in the winter semester.*

### Young Center

#### PATHS INTO ACADEMIA

In the winter semester, the CAS welcomes the new LMU Research Fellows. These fellowships provide postdocs at an early stage of their careers with a path into the academic world, with fellows of past years now currently holding positions as junior professors, associate professors and lecturers at renowned universities both in Germany and abroad. The current generation is the fifth to pass through the LMU and draws its members from fields as diverse as chemistry, physics, mathematics, protestant theology and Japanese studies. They are provided with connections through mentoring from LMU professors in their respective fields and at the CAS Young Center. The economist Dr. Davide Suverato, who has been a research fellow at LMU for a year and a half, has gathered experts for a workshop with the aim of discussing the effects of world trade on the labor market and economic growth.

#### 23 and 24 March 2017

Workshop "Public Economic Policy Responses to International Trade Consequences"

### Art at CAS

#### ANTOINETTE VON SAURMA

The CAS is pleased to announce that Antoinette von Saurma, another master class graduate of the Munich Academy of Fine Arts, will present an exhibition of her works during the winter semester. Several different cycles from Antoinette von Saurma's work will be exhibited, all displaying an extremely complex technique. All of the works shown also take a dissecting approach to the world, which emphasizes the fragility of that which appears to be steadfast. The literature scholar Barbara Vinken will provide an introduction to the exhibition.

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