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## Editorial

## SENIOR RESEARCHERS IN RESIDENCE

All three **researcher in residence groups** are hosting large international conferences in the summer semester in which they will present the results of their focused work over the last few months. The topics of the groups of Stephan Hartmann, Christoph Knill as well as Adelheid Otto and Walther Sallaberger are scientific argumentation and conclusion, the complexity of modern democracy, and festival cultures in Bronze Age Mesopotamia.

Along with the different CAS-programs we are expecting more than 30 international guests this summer of which 10 have been invited by the researchers in residence at CAS.

## Visiting Fellows

## INTERNATIONAL GUESTS AT CAS

It is constitutive of all CAS-programs to involve international guests in their research. In the summer semester, these guests include **Timothy P. Moran** (Stony Brook), who will be part of the research focus group "Global Capitalism", while **Karen Sanders** (Berkeley) enriches the work of the research focus "Writing Prose". **Glenn Schwartz** (Johns Hopkins) cooperates with the researchers in residence Adelheid Otto and Walther Sallaberger and is also holding a Lunch Talk lecture at CAS. **Leonid Levitov** (MIT) and Thomas Weitz will extend their existing cooperation in the (highly competitive) field of quantum transport on new low dimensional structures such as graphs.

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

## Researchers in Residence

## SENIOR RESEARCHERS IN RESIDENCE

Since fall 2016, three researchers in residence have been working with their groups of young researchers on cutting edge topics of LMU research:

- "Scientific Reasoning and Argumentation": Prof. Dr. **Stephan Hartmann** and Benjamin Eva, PhD, Karolina Krzyżanowska, PhD, Marko Tešić, Harry Waterstone  
Fellows: Dr. Sabine Hossenfelder (Frankfurt a.M.), Prof. Dr. Christian List (LSE), Prof. Wlodek Rabinowicz, PhD (Lund)
- "A Complexity-Capacity Paradox? Why Constrained States Make Increasingly Complex Policies and How This Affects Democracy": Prof. Dr. **Christoph Knill** and Dr. Christian Adam, Dr. Steffen Hurka, Yves Steinebach  
Fellows: Prof. Dr. Christian Breunig (Konstanz), Dr. Isabelle Engeli (Bath)
- "Feste in den frühbronzezeitlichen Stadtstaaten Mesopotamiens: Eine Synthese aufgrund keilschriftlicher und archäologischer Zeugnisse": Prof. **Adelheid Otto** and Prof. **Walther Sallaberger** and Evelyn Kutzer, Dr. Paola Paoletti, Dr. Elisa Roßberger, Felix Seifert  
Fellows: Dr. Kozad Ahmed (Sulaimani), Dr. Abdulmir Hamdani (Bagdad), Prof. Dr. Lucio Milano (Venedig), Dr. Haider Oraibi Almamori (Bagdad), Prof. Glenn Schwartz, PhD (Johns Hopkins)

**11 and 12 May 2017**

International Workshop "Feasting and Festivals in Ancient Mesopotamia"

**31 May - 2 June 2017**

International Conference "Reasoning and Argumentation in Science"

**26 and 27 June 2017**

International Workshop "What Next for the State? General Trends and Challenges for Democratic Policy-Making"

## JUNIOR RESEARCHERS IN RESIDENCE

Postdocs from LMU have the opportunity to spend a semester at CAS in order to complete their second book. This summer the following young scholars will conduct research at CAS:

- Dr. **Sarah Fekadu-Uthoff** (English Literature)
- Dr. **Daniel Fröhlich** (Law)
- Dr. **Benjamin Krämer** (Communication Studies)

**7 and 8 September 2017**

Workshop "Bedingungen der Unabhängigkeit – Annäherung an einen Topos des Organisationsrechts"

**11 and 12 September 2017**

Workshop "Perspectives on Right-Wing Populism and the Media: Scholarship, Journalism, Civil Society"

## Lecture Series

## HEART INSIGHT

Nothing symbolizes life and humanity as strongly and universally as the heart. Across eras and cultures, the heart represents human existence and feeling. In spite of this observation, research on the heart tends to occur along entirely separate disciplinary paths. Initiated by experts from the field of medical heart research, this **lecture series** provides insights into the heart from a number of very different perspectives, and will examine the question of what has led to the fascination with this particular organ.

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

## Research Focuses

## SETTLEMENTS

Settling is one of the fundamental constants of anthropology. All settlements display similarities in their man-made nature, while all cities and settlements display peculiarities which distinguish them from others. In the CAS research focus "Settlements", scholars from the fields of ancient history, in cooperation with natural and social scientists under the aegis of Karen Radner, will sound out this spectrum. Fellows in the context of the research focus are **Irene Forstner-Müller** (Kairo) and **Wolfgang Müller** (Kairo).

## MODELS OF CHANGE

A new CAS research focus involving social sciences, humanities and cultural studies will analyze modern concepts of change and transformation developed by various academic disciplines. In reviewing the existing models of change the research focus aims on setting up a new pragmatic theory formation.

**12 July 2017, 6.30 pm**

Evening Lecture: Thomas Welskopp "Keine Atempause. Wie die Geschichtswissenschaft Wandel herleiten, erklären und darstellen kann."

## BIOLOGY OF GENOMES

The sequencing of the genomes of a wide range of organisms has been possible for some time. This fact, however, only intensifies the question of what should be done with the data gathered and what insights can be drawn from their comparison.

**5 May 2017**

Workshop "Evolution of Regulatory Networks"

**21 June 2017**

Evening Lecture: Yamini Dalal "Twisting the Dragon's Tail: A Voyage into Uncharted Histone Territories"

**5 and 6 October 2017**

Workshop "Evolution of Biological Traits"

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

## Young Center

## RESEARCH BEING TESTED IN PRACTICE

Ash clouds are the nightmare of all pilots, as the micro-particles of volcanic ash can not only severely limit visibility, but also completely incapacitate aircraft turbines. Of particular relevance, therefore, is the research by the Young Center member Wenja Song, holder of the prestigious Freigeist Fellowship of the Volkswagen Foundation, and Bernadette Weinzierl (professor at the University of Vienna since summer 2016), who are working on the effects of volcanic ash on aircraft turbines.

**3 - 5 July 2017**

International Workshop "Ash-Related Issues in Gas Turbines"

## Art at CAS

## PETRA AMERELL

Color clearly plays the main role in the abstract painting of **Petra Amerell**. In the summer semester, the artist will display a selection of her works at the CAS. Coincidence and intention have interacted during the conception of these works, and in the course of the creative process. As a result, colors and forms produce an independent whole. The historian Denise Reitzenstein, who is working on color concepts in antiquity, will provide an introduction to the exhibition.

**27 April 2017, 7 pm**

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