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Editorial

SCIENCE IN A STRESS TEST

The relationship between academia and politics, which has recently gained renewed relevance following the emergence of so-called alternative facts, was subject to a form of practical test 100 years ago. The Munich Soviet Republic provided intellectuals and artists with the opportunity to put their theories into practice. CAS has dedicated both its **lecture series** and its **exhibition** to the role of academia in the Munich Soviet Republic. Under the title "Science into Art" the Franz Marc Museum is displaying the works of famous artists with connections to the academic debates of the interwar period.

Lecture Series

SCIENCE INTO POLITICS

The fact that it were intellectuals and artists who took control of politics in Munich in 1918 was unusual not just for the early 20th century. The lecture series entitled "**Science into Politics**" ("Wissenschaft Macht Politik") approaches the subject systematically and asks which academic fields were particularly innovative here. Dirk Kaesler (Marburg/Cambridge) and Günther Sandner (Vienna) will discuss about the importance of Max Weber's and Otto Neurath's political theories on 19 April.

[Click here for the overview of all events in the summer semester.](#)

Research Focuses

THE COMPLEX WORLD OF MICROBES

Microbes not only influence humans, and what makes them sick, but also play a significant role for many other organisms of our world. In a **new CAS Research Focus**, scholars from a range of very different fields examine these microbial communities. The CAS Research Focus starts with a lecture by the medical expert Emeran A. Mayer (UCLA). He has made an important contribution to the debate with his book *The Mind-Gut Connexion* and is a guest at CAS upon invitation from Alexander Gerbes.

20 June 2018, 6.30 p.m.

Evening lecture: Prof. Dr. Emeran A. Mayer **How Important is the Gut Microbiome for Our Brain Health?**

CHANGING PLACES

Migration is characterized by voluntary or forced changes of location, but also by the mostly involuntary periods of waiting. This double aspect of migration is the subject of a conference initiated by the CAS Research Focus "**Representing Migration**", held cooperatively by two European Institutes for Advanced Studies: the conference, which examines the subject of waiting, will take place at two locations: at the Institute for Advanced Studies of the CEU in Budapest and at CAS LMU in Munich.

13 and 15 June 2018

Dual-Location Conference: **Stuck in Migration. Waiting Zones and Internment Camps**

[Click here for the overview of all CAS Research Focuses.](#)

Research Groups

EDITING METAPHYSICS

The work of the **CAS Research Group** led by Oliver Primavesi and Marwan Rashed aims at achieving a fundamentally new interpretation of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*. Their edition incorporates for the first time the Arabic transmission of this essential text. Important passages of the book are now reinterpreted in terms of their content.

29 and 30 May 2018

Conference: **Aristotle's Metaphysics. Text and Interpretation**

RECREATING THE ORIGINS OF LIFE

In cooperation with the guest scholars working at CAS upon his invitation, Dieter Braun creates a new picture of the origins of life. Visiting fellows will include the chemist **Stephen Mann**, who is attempting to produce a primitive primordial cell, and the physicist **Oskar Hallatschek**, who is concerned with evolutionary processes that take place between individual cells.

11 and 12 October 2018

Conference: **Molecular Origins of Life**

Junior Researcher in Residence

WRITING RETREAT

Distinguished postdoctoral scholars of LMU spend one semester at CAS in order to work on the completion of their second book. In the summer semester, the following postdocs will be working at CAS:

- Dr. **Christoph Krönke** (Law) on "The State Regulation of the Private Digital Economy"
- Dr. **Jenny Willner** (Comparative Literature) on "Developmental Narratives between Psychoanalysis, Biology and Literature"
- Dr. **Florian Wöller** (Ecclesiastical History) on "Street Processions in Late Antiquity"

19 and 20 July 2018

Workshop: **Regulierung der Digitalwirtschaft**

13 and 14 September 2018

Workshop: **Ferenczi between Literary Theory, Psychoanalysis, and Cultural Studies**

4 and 5 October 2018

Workshop: **Topographies in Motion: Urban Movement and Mobility in Late Antiquity**

Visiting Fellows

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS IN THE SUMMER

In the summer semester, more than 30 CAS visiting fellows will cooperate with scholars of LMU: The economist **Steven D. Levitt** (Chicago), coauthor of the *Freakonomics* series, is invited in the context of the CAS Research Focus "Evidence-Based Practice". The director of the MPI for Evolutionary Biology, **Paul Rainey**, is part of the CAS Research Group led by Dieter Braun. The physicists **Omar Saleh** (UCSB) and Tim Liedl (LMU) will conduct cooperative research on the micromechanical characteristics of biomolecules. Together with her host Barbara Vinken, **Michèle Lowrie** (Chicago) is writing a book on the ancient and modern literature on civil war.

17 May 2018, 6.30 p.m.

Evening lecture: Prof. Paul B. Rainey, Ph.D. **Ecological Scaffolding and the Evolution of Individuality**

28 May 2018, 6.30 p.m.

Evening lecture: Prof. Steven D. Levitt, Ph.D. **The Economic Approach to Learning from Data**

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Young Center

AUTOMATED JOURNALISM AND MASS PROTESTS

These highly relevant current issues are addressed in two conferences organized by members of the **Young Center**. The communication studies scholar Neil Thurman will examine the effects of algorithms and automated news production on classical journalism and opinion formation, while the economist Davide Cantoni will conduct research on the mechanisms of democratic participation through mass protests and their implications for institutional change.

22 and 23 May 2018

Conference: **Algorithms, Automation, and News**

6 and 7 July 2018

Conference: **Understanding the Demand for Democracy**

Art at CAS

FRANZ MARC MUSEUM AT CAS

Analogous to the lecture series, the Franz Marc Museum, under the title "**Science into Art**", addresses the question of the extent to which artists around 1918 allowed academic concepts to flow into their works. The artists on display include well-known names such as Max Beckmann, Lovis Corinth, Walter Gramatté, George Grosz, Erich Heckel, Georges Kars, Max Kaus, Paul Klee and Max Pechstein.

12 April 2018, 7 p.m.

Vernissage, **Seestraße 13**

Introduction: Dr. Cathrin Klingsöhr-Leroy (FMM), Claudia Kreile, M.A. (Curator), Dr. Annette Meyer (CAS)

ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

In the exhibition "**Baroque and further Quotes**" the artist Melissa MayerGalbraith demonstrates the ways in which she addresses the great works of art history in her creations. Of particular note in this exhibition are her adaptations of Dürer, Velázquez and van Dyck.

12 June 2018, 8 p.m.

Vernissage, **Franz-Joseph-Straße 15**

Introduction: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Pfisterer (LMU/ZI)

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