

CAS NEWSLETTER

Winter Semester 2018/19

Editorial

NO SCIENCE IS AN ISLAND

Global challenges require global answers. The two new CAS Research Focuses "Global Health" and "Textual Practices" demonstrate this fact in two very different fields. Initiated by the medical scientists Katja Radon and Peter Falkai, a group of scholars from fields including biology, history, philosophy and sociology will address questions concerning the global health system. With connections to the current political situation in the Middle East, but directly concerning its historical background, a group led by Ronny Vollandt from Jewish Studies and the Islam Scholar Teresa Bernheimer will conduct research.

Research Focuses

GLOBAL HEALTH

The concept of "Global Health" encompasses both the arena of study and research as well as medical practice. It aims to improve health and to realize equality in the worldwide health system. In the CAS Research Focus "Global Health", all research activities on this topic will be gathered together, going beyond the boundaries of the individual faculties.

17 October 2018

Workshop: [Global Health an der LMU](#)

TEXTUAL PRACTICES IN THE PRE-MODERN WORLD

Scholarship in the humanities is based on texts. Alongside the texts themselves, the practices of communication are now also becoming the focus of research. The CAS Research Focus investigates the connections between the great intellectual cultures of late antiquity: ancient philosophy, Judaism, Christianity and Islam as they developed in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

11 March 2019, 6.30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: [Between Aksum, Constantinople, and Baghdad: Textual Practices in Late Antiquity](#)

[Click her for an overview of all Research Focuses.](#)

Lecture Series

THE UNIVERSE. SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION OF SPACE

The historian of science Gerd Graßhoff (HU Berlin), the astrophysicist Sara Seager (MIT), the physicochemist Uwe J. Meierhenrich (Nice) and the philosopher Sibylle Anderl examine the universe and its exploration from their respective perspectives and investigate the question of how much the deeper view into space also transforms the models of the world.

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

CAS Showcase

CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH AT LMU

The new CAS Showcase series informs about the latest research results from the most vibrant LMU disciplines. The series starts with Michael von Bergwelt, a physician with new findings in immunology.

12 December 2018, 6.30 p.m.

Evening Lecture: Prof. Dr. Dr. Michael von Bergwelt
CAS Showcase: [Immunonkologie](#)

Research Groups

POWER SHIFTS AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Is the rise of China and India and the accompanying fall of the USA and Great Britain forcing international institutions (UN, WTO, IMF etc.) to adapt to these new power relationships? The Research Group led by Bernhard Zangl will investigate positions and negotiation strategies in international bodies.

5 and 6 November 2018

Workshop: [Bringing Negotiations Back In: Institutional Adaptations to Global Power Shifts](#)

MAGMA TO TEPHRA: ASH IN THE EARTH SYSTEM

The study of volcanic activity on the surface of our planet Earth requires an interdisciplinary approach. Donald Dingwell's Research Group brings together experts from the fields of geophysics, fluid mechanics, atmospheric chemistry, biochemistry and material science.

13 March 2019, 12.15 p.m.

Lunch Talk: Prof. Zhengfu Guo, Ph.D., Prof. Kelly Russell, Ph.D. [The Pacific Ring of Fire: Insights from Canada and China](#)

Junior Researcher in Residence

POSTDOCTORAL PROJECTS

There are four LMU postdoctoral scholars who will spend a research sabbatical semester at the CAS to work on the completion of their second book.

- Dr. [Christine Bratu](#) (Philosophy) on disrespect and what is morally problematic about it
- Dr. [Julian Müller](#) (Sociology) on conversion narratives
- Dr. [Astrid Séville](#) (Political Science) on the relationship between democracy and populism
- Dr. [Berenika Szymanski-Düll](#) (Theatre Studies) on the international touring theatre in the second half of the 19th century.

13 November 2018, 6.30 p.m.

Evening Lecture: Prof. José van Dijck, Ph.D. [European Public Values in an Online World](#)

21 and 22 February 2019

Workshop: [Doing Democracy? Democracy and Populism in the EU after the "Refugee Crisis"](#)

19 March 2019

Workshop: [Morality's Underpinning – Current Debates in Moral Psychology](#)

22 March 2019

Workshop: [Actors on the Move. Theater als Ort interkultureller Begegnung](#)

Visiting Fellows

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS AT CAS

We are pleased to welcome 35 fellows from all funding programs at CAS. The media studies scholar [José van Dijck](#) (Utrecht) will work with the sociologist [Julian Müller](#) (Junior Researcher in Residence) on the subject of "Biographical Narratives in Modern Media". The Biologist [Kwangwon Lee](#) (Rutgers) has been invited as part of the CAS Research Focus "Microbiome" in order to conduct research with Martha Merrow (LMU) on the microbiological foundations of the "circadian clock". The ancient historian [Katherine Blouin](#) (Toronto) will follow the invitation of the CAS Research Focus "Settlements", conducting cooperative research on the phenomenon of "Abandoned Cities".

23 October, 12 p.m.

Lecture: Prof. Kwangwon Lee, Ph.D. [Fitness in a Microbe: How the Circadian Clock is Shaped by the Environment](#)

[Click here for an overview of all visiting fellows in the winter semester.](#)

Young Center

ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM AND POLITICAL HISTORY

How can journalists write good stories about highly topical subjects such as environmental protection and climate change and thus sharpen the awareness of their readers? Which forms of political advice did the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph choose during his reign (1848–1916)? These are questions that will be addressed in the workshops held by the historians [Simone Müller](#) and [Jana Osterkamp](#).

28 and 29 January 2019

Workshop: [Writing for Change. Environmental Journalism Then and Now](#)

7 and 8 March 2019

Workshop: [Das Büro des Kaisers. Neuere Ansätze in der historisch-soziologischen Politikfeldanalyse](#)

Applications are currently open for [LMU Research Fellowships](#).

Art at CAS

UGO DOSSI – STARDUST/WORLD MODELS

The exhibition by the artist Ugo Dossi emerged from close cooperation with the research of the astrophysicist [Andreas Burkert](#) of the CAS. Burkert's astronomical images provide the basis for Dossi's works, while his theories on the genesis and development of space also interest the artist, who has long been concerned with the question of the representation of limitlessness. The exhibition shows a range of variations of all-encompassing world models, from the helix to the bridge and the chess game.

18 October 2018, 7 p.m.

Vernissage

Introduction: Prof. Dr. [Andreas Burkert](#) (Astrophysik, LMU)

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