



CAS NEWSLETTER Summer Semester 2021

Editorial	SCIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE One thing that Covid-19 has taught us is that the flow of information between science, society and politics must improve. CAS aims to fulfill its role as a liaison between university research and the public perception thereof, offering two lecture series designed to stimulate such a dialog: highly renowned speakers will discuss the fundamental elements of sustainable environmental policy in a series entitled " Energy of the Future ", as well as questions concerning the stability of political systems in the series " Democracy and Crisis ".
Research Focuses	RESEARCH FOR FUTURE Two new interdisciplinary groups will begin their work at CAS in this semester. Energy The question of efficient and sustainable energy storage forms the basis of the research conducted by the excellence cluster e-conversion. Since environmentally conscious economic and climate policies rely on this research into energy storage, the Research Focus Group led by Thomas Bein (Physical Chemistry) intends to present its insights to a wider public audience and to discuss their economic and political relevance. Empathy "The people have chosen empathy" – with this proclamation, Kamala Harris made headlines worldwide. The Research Focus Group led by the English philologist Claudia Olk uses a wide range of humanistic perspectives to approach and analyze the term "empathy". Participating scholars in addition to Claudia Olk include Monika Betzler (Philosophy), Erasmus Mayr (Philosophy, Regensburg), Ulf Otto (Theater Studies), Susanne Reichlin (Medieval Studies) and Magdalena Zorn (Musicology). 16. Juni 2021, 18.30 Uhr Prof. Dr. Ute Frevert / Prof. Dr. Thomas Kohut, Ph.D.: The History of Empathy Revisited
Lecture Series	ENERGY OF THE FUTURE Representatives from science, media, economics and politics discuss the potential of energy research in the fields of climate change, mobility, sustainability and city planning. Speakers include Claudia Kemfert (DIW), Carlos Moreno (Paris), Johan Rockström (PIK) and Robert Schlögl (MPI for Chemical Energy Conversion).
Blog	CRITICISM AND CRISIS One of the bitter side-effects of the Covid-19 pandemic is that fewer resources are available for the fight against other diseases. In the CAS LMU Blog, the global health specialist Lesley Doyal (Bristol) combines perspectives on the Covid-19 pandemic and the AIDS crisis. How resilient is the democratic system in a global sense? Michael Zürn (WZB) debates with Bernhard Zangl (LMU) on the rise of authoritarian populism.
Research Groups	RELATIONSHIPS AND PLATFORMS 41 international scholars are involved in the current Research Groups led by Monika Betzler (Philosophy) and Tobias Kretschmer (Economics). Digitally connected, the groups are continuing their cooperative research and are working towards their big concluding conferences. There, the group led by Monika Betzler will focus particularly on the end of relationships, while Tobias Kretschmer's Research Group will turn its attention to the societal consequences of online platforms.
Junior Researcher in Residence	MODES OF INNOVATION Three LMU postdocs join CAS in summer semester and will use the opportunity to present their research projects for discussion. Viorela Dan (Media Studies) is analyzing the effects of "deepfakes" on the decisions of voters. Taisuke Imai is examining how the field of economics has met the challenges posed by the so-called replication crisis. Martin Stierle (Law) will discuss with his guests the role of legal issues in the creation of innovations in the field of life sciences.
Young Center	THICK DESCRIPTIONS Alessandro Ripa and Sahana Udupa demonstrate the width of the spectrum in ethnological research: Ripa is developing the concept of "Global Chinas" in order to understand China's new role, while Sahana Udupa is working with fact-checkers and AI experts to investigate the causes of digital hate speech. 7 and 8 June 2021 Workshop: Global Chinas. Environments, Epistemologies, Ethics 26 and 27 July 2021 Workshop: Counterathon. Collaborative AI Tackles Hate
Art at CAS	SCHEUER - SAXER - BEUYS There will be three exhibitions on display at CAS in this semester. CAS is dedicating a large exhibition to the most important member of the "Neue Gruppe", Friedrich G. Scheuer , in which his great affinity for the scientific appropriation of the world is particularly evident. To mark the 100th birthday of Joseph Beuys , the Pinakothek der Moderne is displaying two multiples at CAS accompanied by a podium discussion on "Dissonances in Democracy". The ethnologist Martin Saxer is showing photographs of his travels through the Asian highlands at the Franz-Joseph-Straße location. 29 April 2021, 7 p.m. Livestream Vernissage: Friedrich G. Scheuer
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