

Graduate School Global and Area Studies

Course Programme winter term 2024/25

FORSCHUNGSSEMINARE / RESEARCH SEMINARS

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LECTURERS	MEGAN MARUSCHKE / MATTHIAS MIDDELL (GESI/RECENTGLOBE)
SEMINAR	INTRODUCTION NEW GLOBAL DYNAMICS
TIME	THURSDAY, 3PM – 5 PM (PARTIAL TIME DIFFERENCE, SEE BELOW)
PLACE	RECENTGLOBE, 5.55

(recommended for first year PhD candidates, but open to all)

At various times, contemporaries have lived under the impression of being confronted with new global dynamics, and so, it seems, are we. There are many signs that we are living in a period of transformation, in which global interactions and the spaces they create are changing. The research seminar will explore different areas of global dynamics: emerging world orders in politics, economics and culture; issues of re-negotiating global cohesion and solidarities; alternative thinking and practices; and the relationship between humanity and nature. For all four areas, we will look at specific constellations and tendencies that point to new directions in globalization processes. A central concern of our reflections is the question of when these transformations began and what arguments are currently being made about what exactly is shifting and in which directions.

The research seminar offers an introduction to the core aspects of the training program of the GSGAS and addresses the four special emphases - Globalization projects and world orders, social cohesion, religion and knowledge, and resources and environment – in view of connecting themes. Our goal is to give students an overview of upcoming and ongoing research of supervising colleagues at the Graduate School Global and Area Studies, and to provide an introductory theoretical backing of that research agenda.

Discussions are based on selected texts which are obligatory readings. The texts serve as a starting for getting familiar with existing knowledge orders in global studies, their underlying political agendas as well as their blind spots and implicit biases. Added to that we will address the question of how to situate one's work in current academic and public debates and how to position oneself vis-à-vis normative tendencies.

Requirements: Participants are asked to attend regularly and to participate actively in the seminar discussion based on the reading of the selected texts. In addition, we ask each student individually or as a pair to introduce a text or speaker for a session. We additionally ask students to write some of their initial thoughts before a session in the joint work file (@yopad) which aims to document the content and debate of the research seminar. The reports are due until Wednesday, to allow everyone to read and to add to them before the next session. Finally, students will prepare a short essay of 5-7 page plus bibliography relating a key concept, research area, or other related topics from our seminar to their research topic of their dissertation. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch. It should be a text that

is useful for you, that also allows us to assess whether you have picked up conceptual inputs from the seminar. The short paper is due March 1, 2025 by email.

17 Oct., 1:30-3:00 pm	Introduction and Get to Know (M. Bauch, K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
24 Oct., 3:00-5:00 pm	Introduction Global History (M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
7 Nov., 1:00-3:00 pm	Transimperial Histories (M. Maruschke, D. Hedinger)
14 Nov., 3:00-5:00 pm	Globalization Projects (M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
21 Nov., 1:00-3:00 pm	Slavery in Eastern Europe across the periods and in global contexts(M. Bauch, K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
28 Nov., 3:00-5:00 pm	ReCentGlobe: Research Area 1 Globalization Processes and New World Orders (M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
5 Dec., 3:00-5:00 pm	ReCentGlobe: Research Area 2 Social Cohesion, Populism and Change of the Global Condition (M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
9 Jan., 3:00-5:00 pm	ReCentGlobe: Research Area 3 Religion, Knowledge and Values: Epistemes in Global Competition (M. Maruschke, M. Middell)
16 Jan., 1:00-3:00 pm	Violent Conflicts and International Law (K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell, A. Skordos)
23 Jan., 11:00am-1:00pm	Writing-Workshop– bring a writing project with you (J. Herzberg, M. Maruschke, K. Castryck-Naumann)
30 Jan., 3:00-5:00 pm	Looking forward; wrapping up

LECTURERS	MARTIN BAUCH / KATJA CASTRYCK-NAUMANN (GWZO)
SEMINAR	EASTERN EUROPE GLOBALLY IN PAST AND PRESENT
TIME	THURSDAY, 1PM – 3 PM (PARTIAL TIME DIFFERENCE, SEE BELOW)
PLACE	GWZO (2 ND FLOOR)

The seminar offers an introduction to the research program of the GSGAS through a comprehensive exploration of Eastern Europe as a globally connected region in past and present. We present empirical knowledge, conceptual tools and research debates regarding Eastern Europe that are also instructive for the study of other regions and areas. We combine perspectives from area studies and global history by focusing on interdisciplinary work and by following a long-durée approach (which contextualizes the “global condition” in longer processes of connectedness). A central aim of the seminar is to outline an understanding of the “global” as an analytical category that enables to investigate the many scales of Eastern Europe’s entangled histories (e.g. local, national, imperial, regional, intercultural, or international). This is being done through the study of seven broad topical fields for which we selected readings that deal with different historical periods and make use of different methodologies. This seminar is taught by a team of scholars who bring in their expertise on the respective topic. That way, we offer an introduction to ongoing research on Eastern Europe as a global region which gives inspiration for the study of other parts of the world and for inquiries in global history/studies.

Some sessions are held together with the research seminar 'Introduction New Global Dynamics'.

Requirements:

- Participants are asked to attend regularly and to participate actively in the seminar based on the reading of the selected texts (provided in moodle).

- In addition, we ask each PhD candidate to write one response paper. This paper shall engage with the obligatory readings of a particular session and discuss potential inspirations for their planned thesis. The length shall be a maximum of two pages. The paper should be made available to everyone in the joint work file (@yopad) which aims to document the seminar. Response papers are due until Mondays before the respective session to allow everyone to read and to add comments beforehand.

- Finally, PhD candidates will prepare a short essay of 5-7 pages plus bibliography referring to a key concept, research field, or a any topic from our seminar. It should be a text that is useful for you and that allows us to assess whether you have picked up the inputs from the seminar. The paper is due March 15, 2024.

New: 10 Oct., 1:30-3:00 pm Introduction and Get to Know (M. Bauch, K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell)

New: 28 Oct., 1:00-3:00 pm Eastern Europe as a Global Region (K. Castryck-Naumann)

7 Nov., 1:00-3:00 pm Transimperial Histories (M. Maruschke, D. Hedinger)

21 Nov., 1:00-3:00 pm Slavery in Eastern Europe across the periods and in global contexts(M. Bauch, K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell)

28 Nov., 1:00-3:00 pm Eastern Europe and Global Economy (C. Geering, U. Müller)

5 Dec., 1:00-3:00 pm Environment and Resources (T. Schönfelder)

19 Dec., 1:00-3:00 pm Migration and Mobility (m. Röger)

9 Jan., 1:00-3:00 pm Epidemics and Health (M.Bauch, K. Castryck-Naumann)

16 Jan., 1:00-3:00 pm Violent Conflicts and International Law (K. Castryck-Naumann, M. Maruschke, M. Middell, A. Skordos)

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30 Jan., 1:00-3:00 pm Looking forward; wrapping up

LECTURERS GILAD BEN-NUN / THORBEN PELZER (GESI / RECENTGLOBE)

SEMINAR HOW TO STRUCTURE A PHD THESIS?

TIME WEDNESDAY, 11 AM- 1 PM, FIRST SESSION: 23 OCT
PLACE GESI, 2.17

(recommended for second and third year PhD candidates)

This course is designed to assist PhD candidates in confronting the challenges inherent to structuring doctoral thesis, and in the handling of their gathered research materials. Different forms of structure (systematic and/or chronological) will be discussed, highlighting their respective strengths and weaknesses. Disciplinary differences as well as divergent scientific cultures and their impact on the structuring of research papers shall also be discussed together. The primary objective of the seminar is to support PhD candidates in choosing the most appropriate structure for their research, and in formulating correctly their research question and its sub-questions and thus in taking the central step on the way to writing their thesis. Each week, different participants shall present written chapters of their work. During each week, peer reviews from within the seminar shall be assigned as concomitant readers of that week's proposed participant's text, upon which they shall formulate a sheet of constructive criticisms, underscoring what works, and what is less convincing in the papers they read. The course is intended for PhD candidates in their 2nd and 3rd years of doctoral studies.

Please note: A grade is not possible here.

LECTURERS MICHEL ESPAGNE / ANNE SAADA / ANTJE DIETZE / MATTHIAS MIDDELL / EVA OMMERT / NINJA STEINBACH-HÜTHER AND GUESTS (ENS / RECENTGLOBE)
SEMINAR **CULTURAL TRANSFER – TRANSNATIONAL SEMINAR WITH LECTURE SERIES**
TIME FRIDAYS, 10 AM – NOON (GUEST LECTURES) OR 11AM – NOON (Q&A SESSIONS) – ALL ONLINE
Website <https://research.uni-leipzig.de/transfertscultuels/en/cultural-transfer/>

The study of intercultural transfers has been one of the main methodological contributions of researchers at the Global and European Studies Institute, the Graduate School Global and Area Studies and the Research Centre Global Dynamics at Leipzig University to the investigation and interpretation of global and transregional entanglements. This has been put in place in a more than thirty years long cooperation with the research group around Michel Espagne at the École normale supérieure in Paris, which found its expression in a series of conferences and workshops as well as many joint research projects and publications. Since the winter term 2020/21, this portfolio of exceptionally close collaboration has been enlarged to a joint transnational seminar with lecture series offered online by both institutions together. Since the beginning of 2023, it is also part of the teaching programme of the Franco-German Graduate School "Cultural Transfers", operated by the École normale supérieure-PSL and Leipzig University and funded by the Franco-German University.

The lecture series offers presentations by invited international scholars on specific examples from their ongoing research (the full program will be available on the seminar's website, see above). These sessions are held monthly in French, English, or German. The thread running through the series is the question of

the vectors that explain and promote the different cultural circulations in space and time, and the resemantizations that necessarily accompany such circulations across borders and boundaries of cultural spheres. The topics dealt with are deliberately varied in order to encourage contacts between disciplines and methodological discussions. One unifying theme is the transnational history and the epistemology of the humanities. Overall, the aim is to make participants familiar with an approach that is both a methodological perspective and a specific theoretical foundation of the investigation of border-crossing phenomena.

For students and PhD-candidates enrolled in the MA "Global Studies", the MA "European Studies", the PhD-program "Global and Area Studies" as well as the Franco-German Graduate School, we offer access to this lecture series as part of a transnational seminar which includes seminar sessions with guest lectures on the one hand and seminar sessions with Q&A on the other hand. The seminar sessions with Q&A are organized in English by Antje Dietze, Eva Ommert and Ninja Steinbach-Hüther and are also offered online. They give an introduction to intercultural transfer research and invite participants to debate with the lecturers. As the basis for these discussions, we provide pre-recorded video lectures (in English, held by Matthias Middell) and selected readings (in English with additional facultative texts in French and German). This allows for a systematic overview of the complex relationship between intercultural transfer research, transnational history, and transregional studies.

Overall, the transnational seminar program for the winter term 2024/25 contains 6 two-hours long seminar sessions with guest lectures (plus 1 optional session in the semester break), 4 pre-recorded video lectures (about 20 minutes each) and 4 one-hour long seminar sessions with Q+A. A list of selected readings allows participants to deepen their understanding of the topic and to prepare for their term papers. Within the MA programs mentioned above, the course serves as methodological training in preparation of the master's thesis. Students are required to submit an essay which follows the general rules for essay writing at GESI. For participants from the Graduate School the requirement is a 10-12 pages long paper that relates the approach of intercultural transfers to the specific topic of their dissertation.

Please register for this course via email to Dr. Ninja Steinbach-Hüther (ninja.steinbach-huether@uni-leipzig.de) by October 2, 2024. You will then get access to the sessions (via Zoom) and to the Moodle course with the teaching material. Please also note that we start already on October 4, 2024 to accommodate the French academic calendar in this binational seminar.

DATES:

- October 4, 2024 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon) + Introduction to the seminar (12 noon to 12:30 pm)
- October 18, 2024 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- October 25, 2024 (seminar session with Q&A, 11am – noon)
- November 8, 2024 (seminar session with Q&A, 11am – noon)
- November 22, 2024 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- November 29, 2024 (seminar session with Q&A, 11am – noon)
- December 6, 2024 (seminar session with Q&A, 11am – noon)
- December 13, 2024 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- January 10, 2025 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- February 7, 2025 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- optional: March 28, 2025 (seminar session with guest lectures, 10 am – noon)
- February 1, 2025 submission deadline for essay/paper titles and abstracts
- February 28, 2025 submission deadline for essay (MA students)
- March 31, 2025 submission deadline for papers (PhD students)

PHD COLLOQUIUM

LECTURER	MARTINA KEILBACH GSGAS COLLOQUIUM OF THE PHD CANDIDATES OF THE GSGAS
TIME	1 PM – 3.30 PM, 25.10.24, 15.11.24, 13.12.24, 17.1.25
PLACE	EFS 3.15 AND ZOOM

This colloquium serves to present interim results (an elaborate PhD proposal (Exposé) in the first year of study, chapters in the second year, and an overview of the results of the dissertation in the third year) of the dissertation projects of PhD candidates in the GSGAS. The aim is to discuss the terminology of the research focus of the Graduate School. The PhD candidates are therefore asked to emphasize the alignment of their research regarding the core concepts in their presentations. Active participation in the discussion and commenting a min. of one paper is prerequisite for the successful completion of the colloquium. Please register for presentations by 1 October to the coordinator of the Graduate School (phd@uni-leipzig.de).

ARBEITSGRUPPEN / WORKING GROUPS

The working groups thematically and/or methodologically correspond to the respective thematic fields and range of methods. **Participation requires [preregistration](#) and approval of the supervisors of the working groups. Please contact the supervisors in advance.**

LECTURER	MARKUS DRESSLER RELIGIONSWISSENSCHAFTLICHES INSTITUT DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM FOR RELIGION AND ISLAM-RELATED TOPICS
TIME	THURSDAY, 5 PM – 7 PM, 1ST MEETING: 23 OCTOBER
PLACE	SCHILLERSTR. 6, RAUM M103

This colloquium is tailored for doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences working on religion and/or Islam-related topics. Participants are expected to present, in writing and oral presentation, parts of their dissertation projects in progress. Additional texts on related theoretical and methodological issues may be integrated. Postdocs are also welcome.

LECTURER	ULF ENGEL INSTITUT FÜR AFRIKASTUDIEN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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TIME TUESDAY, 1 PM – 3 PM (22.10., 12.11., 26.11., 10.12., 14.01., 28.01.)

PLACE RECENTGLOBE, ROOM 5.27 (TBC)

LECTURERS JONATHAN EVERTS (ZIRS, MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG) / DANIELA RUSS (GESI)

RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

TIME **NN**

PLACE NN (LEIPZIG AND HALLE AND HYBRID)

The working group invites PhD candidates from GSGAS at Leipzig University and ZIRS at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg who are working on social transformations with a perspective on resources and infrastructures in their ongoing dissertation projects. A schedule and further information will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Registration can be made in advance with Martina Keilbach (phd@uni-leipzig.de).

LECTURERS THILO LANG / LELA REKHVIASHVILI (IFL)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

TIME FRIDAY, 15.11., 10 AM (FIRST SESSION)

PLACE GESI, 4.16

We invite PhD candidates from geography and related social sciences with a spatial focus to a discursive co-learning journey around individual PhD-topics. We will learn how to focus on core themes and phenomena as a basis for structuring the PhD-process. All participants will be asked to prepare inputs on issues of the philosophy of science, methodology and methods, empirical proceedings and analytical tools as well as visualisation, impact and implications of their projects. There is a maximum number of participants, so please register with t_lang@leibniz-iftl.de and l_rekhviashvili@leibniz-iftl.de until 4 November 2024 with a one page summary of your PhD-project including a short workplan for the coming academic year. Following meetings will be decided collectively with the participants of the first session.

LECTURER MEGAN MARUSCHKE (GESI)

TRANSIMPERIAL HISTORIES

TIME FRIDAY, 25.10., 29.10., 10.01. (OPTIONAL), 9AM – 11AM

PLACE GESI, 4.16

LECTURERS MATTHIAS MIDDELL / STEFFI MARUNG / DMITRI VAN DEN BERSSELAAR
GESI / INSTITUT FÜR AFRIKASTUDIEN

GLOBAL HISTORY AND RESEARCH ON TRANSNATIONALIZATION

TIME SATURDAY, 19.10., 16.11., 30.11., 25.1., 10AM – 12PM

PLACE ONLINE AND ON-SITE (GESI, 3.16)

LECTURER MAREN MÖHRING
INSTITUT FÜR KULTURWISSENSCHAFTEN
VERGLEICHENDE KULTUR- UND GESELLSCHAFTSGESCHICHTE

TIME 08. 11., 07.01., 9:00-15:30/16:10 UHR; 3.12., 17:00-19:00 UHR
(ZOOM)

PLACE LEIPZIGLAB, STRAÙE DES 17. JUNI 2

LECTURER NINJA STEINBACH-HÜTHER
RECENTGLOBE
GEOGRAPHIES AND DH

TIME WEDNESDAY, 30.10., 15.01., 1PM - 3PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM, , WITH
HYBRID OPTION (STROHSACKPASSAGE, 4TH FLOOR),

FRIDAY, 13.12. *One online session on CULTURAL TRANSFERS AND
DIGITAL HUMANITIES – METHODS AND CHALLENGES as part of the
cultural transfer seminar <https://research.uni-leipzig.de/transfertsculturels/en/programme-1-2/>*

PLACE ONLINE & RECENTGLOBE 4TH FLOOR

Participation needs registering with Dr. Ninja Steinbach-Hüther via e-mail: Ninja.steinbach-huether@uni-leipzig.de

Please indicate what you would like to present (exposé, chapter, article) and hand in a title and abstract of presentation (also if preliminary) when registering for the working group

WINTERKLAUSUR / WINTER RETREAT / THESIS SUPPORT WEEK

Thesis support week 27 January – 1 February 2025

30 January – 1 February Winter Retreat in Neudietendorf (Call for registration will be made separately at the end of November)

SCHLÜSSELQUALIFIKATIONEN / KEY QUALIFICATIONS

LECTURER CARRIE DOHE

ACADEMIC WRITING AND PUBLISHING RESEARCH ARTICLES IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

TIME 11 AND 12 NOVEMBER, 9 AM - 5 PM

PLACE NN

This workshop covers the specific requirements of writing and publishing scholarly research articles in English. Through a mix of lectures and exercises, participants learn the process of writing and getting published from the first steps of considering a publishing venue; through drafting, revising, and polishing the text; to communicating with editors and dealing with reviews.

Learning Results

After successful participation in the workshop, participants will know how to

- choose the best journal for their current work
- properly structure their article and its various sections for maximum clarity
- best present their data or evidence
- craft sensible, easy-to-read paragraphs
- use English tenses correctly according to their nuances
- decide when to use active or passive voice
- revise sentences using practical and easy-to-understand revision strategies
- apply tips on creating more clarity, cohesion and conciseness
- punctuate properly
- craft an attention-getting yet appropriate abstract and title
- write successful submission and revision letters to editors
- deal professionally with reviews and revisions

Registrations by 15.10. to keilbach@uni-leipzig.de

Information on the key qualifications offered by the Graduate Academy Leipzig, in which all PhD students at Leipzig University can participate, can be found here:

<https://www.ga.uni-leipzig.de/graduierakademie-leipzig/veranstaltungsportal>

Prior registration with the Graduate Academy is required: <https://www.ga.uni-leipzig.de/graduierakademie-leipzig/mitgliedschaft>

Venues

ReCentGlobe	Research Centre for Global Dynamics, Strohsackpassage, Nikolaistraße 6–10, 04109 Leipzig, 5th Floor
GESI	Global and European Studies Institute, Emil-Fuchs-Straße 1, 04105 Leipzig
GWZ	Geisteswissenschaftliche Zentrum, Beethovenstraße 15, 04107 Leipzig
GWZO	Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa, Specks Hof, Reichsstraße 4-6, 04109 Leipzig
IFL	Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, Schongauerstraße 9, 04328 Leipzig
Seminar Building	Universitätsstraße 1, 04109 Leipzig