

Graduate School Global and Area Studies

Lehrprogramm im Sommersemester 2025 / Course Programme in the summer semester 2025

FORSCHUNGSSEMINARE / RESEARCH SEMINARS

[registrations for research seminars: phd@uni-leipzig.de, please register by 20 April]

LECTURER	SOFIA GAVRILOVA AND MELA ZULJEVIC (BOTH IFL)
SEMINAR	MAPPING CONFLICTS AND PEACE: GEOVISUALIZATIONS IN (SOUTH)EASTERN EUROPE AND THE CAUCASUS
TIME	WEDNESDAY, 1 PM-3 PM
PLACE	RECENTGLOBE, ROOM NN

Mapping Conflicts and Peace: Geovisualizations in (South)Eastern Europe and the Caucasus explores the critical role of maps and geovisualizations in understanding conflict dynamics, peacebuilding, and reconstruction across (South)Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Students will engage with theoretical frameworks in critical cartography, analyze historical and contemporary maps, and critically examine their use in geopolitics, propaganda, and development visions. Through workshops, readings, and hands-on projects, the course emphasizes the ethical and political dimensions of map-making while offering practical skills in geospatial analysis to support peace and conflict studies. The interdisciplinary approach bridges geography, history, and political science, fostering a nuanced understanding of the power and potential of maps in shaping narratives and policies.

Requirements for a grade: a 2000-word analytical report on the chosen set of maps

LECTURER	CHRISTOPH KLEINE (RELIGIONSWISSENSCHAFTLICHES INSTITUT)
SEMINAR	GLOBAL SECULARITY AND MULTIPLE SECULARITIES
TIME	TUESDAY, 11 AM – 1 PM
PLACE	RECENTGLOBE, ROOM NN

Based on the approaches and findings of the Leipzig Centre for Advance Studies 'Multiple Secularities – Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities', this seminar will explore the question of how the relationship between religious and secular fields of action, norms and values, epistemologies, ontologies, spaces and places, aesthetics, etc. is organised in different places in global modernity. The aim is to work out how the diversity of secularities can be explained with reference to historical path dependencies, specific problems and cultural imprints. Furthermore, it will be asked, among other things, for which social problems secularity is propagated as a solution, who criticises the concept of secularity or secularism as a tool of governance and for what reasons, and to what extent the world may already have entered a stage of post-secularity.

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Requirements for a grade: 2 reaction papers

LECTURER	ELISABETH GALLAS AND ENRICO LUCCA (BOTH DUBNOW INSTITUTE)
SEMINAR	JEWISH MATERIAL CULTURE: CLOSE READINGS OF THEORY, METHODS AND CASE-STUDIES
TIME	WEDNESDAY, 9 AM – 11 AM
PLACE	CONFERENCE ROOM (2ND FLOOR) / STRAÙE DES 17. JUNI 2

This reading seminar provides a collaborative space for exploring a variety of texts dealing with Jewish Material Culture chosen by the participants. Each week, one person will select a text, which will then be summarized and discussed by another participant. The person who selected the text will offer insights afterward, explaining their choice and contributing to the discussion. The seminar focuses on close reading and critical thinking, aiming to generate fresh perspectives and in-depth analysis. At the same time it will cover a wide array of topics related to Jewish Material Culture providing participants with a general overview of the field. The chosen format will encourage diverse viewpoints and ensure engaging, productive discussions.

If you are interested in the seminar, please send us an email with a brief explanation of your interest. Let us know how your dissertation topic relates to the seminar and give us an idea what your contribution to the seminar's topic can be. (oliver.krause@uni-leipzig.de)

DOKTORANDENKOLLOQUIUM / COLLOQUIUM

LECTURER	MARTINA KEILBACH GSGAS COLLOQUIUM OF THE PHD CANDIDATES OF THE GSGAS
TIME	FRIDAY, 1 PM – 4 PM (25.04., 23.05., 06.06., 20.06.)
PLACE	GESI 3.15

This colloquium serves to present interim results (an elaborate PhD proposal (Exposé) in the first year of study, sample chapters in the second year, and an overview of the results of the dissertation in the third year) of the dissertation projects of PhD students in the Graduate School of Global and Area Studies. The aim is to discuss the terminology of the research focus of the Graduate School. The PhD students are therefore asked to emphasize the alignment of their research regarding the core concepts in their presentations. In addition, we discuss methodological issues in the frame of the colloquium.

Active participation in the discussion is prerequisite for the successful completion of the colloquium. Please register for presentations at the latest by 20 March to the coordinator of the Graduate School (keilbach@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 RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM TURKISH AND OTTOMAN STUDIES
TIME	THURSDAY, 5PM – 7PM (BI-WEEKLY, FIRST MEETING 10 APRIL)
PLACE	SCHILLER 6, RAUM M103

This seminar is primarily directed to doctoral students working on Ottoman and Turkish republican materials and topics. The aim is to read and discuss work-in-progress by the participants. Open slots will be used to discuss recent literature on methodological and theoretical issues of general importance to the field. Postdoctoral researchers in the fields of Ottoman and Turkish Studies may also participate.

LECTURER	ULF ENGEL INSTITUT FÜR AFRIKASTUDIEN
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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

TIME WEDNESDAY, 3 PM – 5 PM, 23.4., 07.05., 21.05., 04.06.

PLACE RECENTGLOBE, 5.55

LECTURERS KATJA CASTRYCK-NAUMANN / MARTIN BAUCH

GWZO

GWZO "DOKOTRAND:INNEN-TAG"

TIME NN

PLACE GWZO

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

RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

TIME 27.5., 10 AM – 3 PM

PLACE RECENTGLOBE

The working group, newly founded in the context of the growing cooperation relations between Re-CentGlobe/Leipzig and ZIRS/Halle, 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. Registration can be made in advance with Martina Keilbach (phd@uni-leipzig.de).

LECTURER MEGAN MARUSCHKE (GESI)

TRANSIMPERIAL HISTORIES

TIME FRIDAY, 2.5., 6.6., 27.6. 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 26.4. and 28.6., 10 am -1pm

PLACE GESI 3.16

MOODLE <https://moodle2.uni-leipzig.de/course/view.php?id=990>

LECTURERS MAREN MÖHRING/HANNES SIEGRIST

INSTITUT FÜR KULTURWISSENSCHAFTEN

VERGLEICHENDE KULTUR- UND GESELLSCHAFTSGESCHICHTE

TIME MONTAG, 07.04. UND DIENSTAG, 03.06., 17:00-19:00 PER ZOOM

BLOCKVERANSTALTUNG IN PRÄSENZ: FREITAG, 09.05.2025, 9:00-16:00

PLACE GWZ 5 1.16

SOMMERSCHULE / SUMMER SCHOOL

“HOW TO STUDY THE GLOBAL?”

23rd International Summer School of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies, Leipzig University
Leipzig, 23 – 25 June 2025

ReCentGlobe

deadline for proposals: 1 May, CfP will follow soon

SCHLÜSSELQUALIFIKATIONEN / KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Information about qualification workshops offered by the Graduiertenakademie Leipzig is to be found here:

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

Venues

ReCentGlobe	Research Centre Global Dynamics, Strohsackpassage, Nikolaistraße 6–10, 04109 Leipzig, 5th Floor
GESI	Global and European Studies Institute, Emil-Fuchs-Straße 1, 04105 Leipzig, 3rd and 4th Floor
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
Schiller 6	Religionswissenschaftliches Institut, Schillerstraße 6, 04109 Leipzig