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Introduction

The Centre for Atlantic and Global Studies (CAGS) was founded in May 2015 as an interdisciplinary research and study centre at the Faculty of Humanities of the Leibniz University of Hannover. It brings together researchers and lecturers of the Departments of English and American Studies, Romance Languages and Literatures, History, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology and Religious Studies (further information: www.cags.uni-hannover.de). The CAGS has grown from a longstanding interdisciplinary cooperation among the working group “Transformation Studies – Societal Transformation in Periphery and Core”.

The CAGS has a regional focus on the Atlantic World, i.e. Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and North America. Within this context, special attention is given to the relations between South and North and to the entanglements within the “Global South”. Researchers at the centre understand the Atlantic as a geographical intersection and contact zone between Africa, Europe and the Americas, rather than an “area” in the traditional sense of “Area Studies”. They regard the Atlantic as a space shaped by social, economic, political and cultural activities. Since the 15th century, the circulation of people, goods, cultural practices, knowledge and ideas has turned the Atlantic into a site of contestation, exchange and transformation of an increasingly worldwide nature – a process that would be called nowadays “globalization”. The Hannover
concept approaches the Atlantic as an "open" space: a sociotope and regional starting point shaped by the many and mutual links with other world regions.

The staff of the CAGS has set up and runs the Master’s programme of Atlantic Studies in History, Culture and Society. This degree, which was established in 2009, stands out through interdisciplinary co-teaching, international visiting lecturers and diverse opportunities for students to spend time abroad (further information: www.atlantic-studies.uni-hannover.de).

Every winter term, the CAGS runs a series of lectures entitled "The Atlantic as Historical Space". A research colloquium open to university members and the general public also takes place each semester featuring national and international visiting lecturers as well as doctoral students. The centre regularly conducts workshops on current trends and turns in Atlantic research. Furthermore, colleagues at the centre organize international conferences and edit joint publications. The CAGS wants to facilitate a North-South academic dialogue to which all participants have equal access and can contribute. It therefore fosters research and teaching relations with many universities in the Atlantic World.

Executive Board (November 2017 –)

- Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Department of History, speaker of the CAGS
- Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History
- Prof. Dr. Anja Bandau, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gabbert, Institute of Sociology
- Dr. Nina Clara Tiesler, Institute of Sociology
- Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder, Department of History, coordinator of the CAGS

substitutes:
- Prof. Dr. Mathias Bös, Institute of Sociology
- Harald Barre, M.A., Department of History

Advisory Board

- Prof. Dr. Dr. em. Peter Antes, Institute of Theology and the Study of Religion, Leibniz Universität Hannover
- Prof. Dr. Deborah Bryceson, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Great Britain
- Dr. Janou Glencross, Institute for Permanent Education, Lower Saxony, Hanover
- Prof. Dr. Sibylle Fischer, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures, New York University, USA
- Prof. Dr. Edward Fisher, Department of Anthropology/ Center for Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, USA
- Prof. Dr. Sonya Lipsett-Rivera, Department of History, Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada
- Prof. Dr. Paul Lovejoy, Department of History, Canada Research Chair in African Diaspora History, University of York, Canada
- Prof. Dr. em. Klaus Meschkat, Institute of Sociology, Leibniz Universität Hannover
- Prof. Dr. Elvira Narvaja de Arnoux, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Prof. Dr. Matthias Middell, Global and European Studies Institute, Universität Leipzig
Members and their research fields

- **Prof. Dr. Wanda Alberts**, Institute of Theology and the Study of Religion
  Study of Religion
- **Friederike Apelt, M.A.**, Department of History
  Latin American History, Nicaragua
- **Prof. Dr. Anja Bandau**, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Romance Literatures and Cultures, Latin America, Caribbean
- **Harald Barre, M.A.**, Department of History
  African History, Pan非洲anism
- **Prof. Dr. Lidia Becker**, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Romance Linguistics, Hispanic sociolinguistics and variational linguistics
- **Prof. Dr. Mathias Bös**, Institute of Sociology
  Theory of Sociology, Race Relations in the United States
- **Dr. Ingo Bultmann**, Institute of Sociology
  Sociology of Latin America, Social Movements
- **Dr. Martha Estévez Grossi**, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Romance Languages, sociolinguistics
- **Michael Fackler, Dipl. Soz., Institute of Sociology
  Cultural Anthropology, Legal Pluralism, Bolivia
- **Dr. habil. Katja Füllberg-Stolberg**, Department of History
  African and African American History
- **Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gabbert**, Institute of Sociology
  Development Sociology and Cultural Anthropology, Latin America
- **Prof. Dr. Jana Gohrisch**, Department of English
  English Literature and Postcolonial Studies, Focus on Black British, Caribbean, West and South African Literatures and Cultures
- **Dr. Ellen Grünkemeier**, Department of English
  English Literature and Postcolonial Studies
- **Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky**, Department of History, speaker of the CAGS
  History of Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Dr. habil. Eva Kalny**, Institute of Sociology
  Cultural Anthropology, Social Movements, Latin America
- **Patrick Marques Varandas, M.A.**, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Romance Languages, Lusophobia
- **Sebastian Matthes, Dipl. Soz., Institute of Sociology
  Cultural Anthropology, Natural Resources, Latin America
- **Prof. Dr. Ruth Mayer**, Department of English
  American Studies, Cultural Studies, Transnationalization and Diasporization with a strong focus on Chinese/American interactions
- **Dr. Mark Minnes**, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Literature and the Atlantic World in Early Modern Spain
• Hannah Pardey, M.A., Department of English
  English Literature and Postcolonial Studies
• Dr. des. Catharina Peeck, Institute of Sociology
  Theory of Sociology, the Multicultural Society in Great Britain
• Dr. des. Mario Peters, Department of History
  Latin American History, Brazil
• Natascha Rempel, M.A., Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Latin American and Caribbean literatures
• Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History
  Economic, Social and Cultural History of Western and Eastern Africa
• Inga-Dorothee Rost, Studies Office
• Prof. Dr. Michael Rothmann, Department of History
  Medieval and Early Modern History
• Jan Salzbrunn, M.A., Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
  Romance Languages
• Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder, Department of History
  Iberian, Latin American and Caribbean History, Gender History, (Post)Slavery History
• Dr. habil. Nina Clara Tiesler, Institute of Sociology
  Theory of Sociology, Lusophone Atlantic
• Prof. Dr. Volker Wünderich Department of History
  Social History of Latin America, Sociology of Development

Student representatives of the Master Atlantic Studies in History, Culture and Society
Charlotte Böttjer, B.A.
Rieke Koriath, B.A.
Annika Radtke, B.A.
Gabriela Demaj, B.A.
Alessandra Guhr, B.A.
Jennifer Hinzer, B.A.

Common Research Fields

1) Challenges posed by long-term social changes in the Atlantic sphere
   Demographic change, migration and mobility processes, the asymmetrical world economy, social
   inequality and labour relations, cities in the Global South
2) Coping strategies and conflict settlement in Atlantic societies
   Interculturality and legal pluralism, political participation and global human rights, religion and
   ethnicity as political resource, natural resources and sustainability
3) Mediality, representation and perception of the challenges faced in Atlantic regions
   Knowledge production and organization, (new) social media, identity constructions and their
   cultural representations, memory cultures and colonial pasts.

Externally Funded Common Research and Cooperation Projects

(Projects of individual members see: http://www.cags.uni-hannover.de/11445.html)
• The foundation of Lower Saxony, Volkswagenstiftung promotes the programme Knowledge for
  Tomorrow – Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities in Sub Saharan and North Africa
(2013-2016, 2016-2019) directed by Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History with 2.095.800 € for the second period.

The Humanities Fellow group is – together with the Livelihood Management team – the youngest branch of the Foundation’s Africa Initiative. The objective of this project is to support excellent research in Sub-Saharan and North Africa and to reinforce the collaboration between African post-doctoral scholars and their German partners.

In 2016, the second round of the Funding Initiative has been started. A selection conference took place at Hannover, Germany in July 2016. 11 research projects were chosen for funding by an international jury, amongst other from University of Ghana, Legon/ Accra, Ghana; University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe; University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; Centre for Research in Anthropology and Human Sciences, N’Djaména, Tschad; Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Nigeria; Addis Ababa University, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia. These projects cover a broad range of subjects from the humanities.

The CAGS benefits from the international academic network of this programme. Fellows of the initiative engaged in Co-Teaching within the Master Atlantic Studies during their stays at the Leibniz Universität Hannover.

- CAGS, and especially the Professors Christine Hatzky and Wolfgang Gabbert, participate as associated partners in setting-up the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Latin America, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), with 90.000 € for the first two years and estimated 100.000 € per year in case of prolongation to the planned 12 years.

The objective of the project is the promotion of an innovative, competitive and collaborative research environment for a Center for Advanced Latin American Studies/ Centro de Estudios Avanzados Latinoamericanos (CALAS). In addition, CALAS aims to intensify academic exchanges with German scholars and research institutions. The CALAS-headquarter will be based at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico, and will act as a sort of central hub with a high international visibility. Three affiliated regional centers based in Central America (Universidad de Costa Rica, San José), the Andean region (FLACSO, Quito), and the Cono Sur with Argentina (Universidad de San Martín, Buenos Aires) will secure – in cooperation with associated institutions – the Latin American-wide impact of CALAS, working on the overarching topic „Coping with crises. Transdisciplinary perspectives from Latin America“. Thus, CALAS will prepare the soil for a new transregional and dialogue-oriented generation of researchers at the top international level focusing on critical questions of how crises and processes of change in Latin America are triggered, accelerated, decelerated, perceived, and reflected by different actors.

In this endeavor CALAS is supported by the main German applicants who are the central research institutions for transnational Latin American Studies: The Universities of Bielefeld and Kassel (as main coordinators) and the Universities of Jena and Hannover as associated partners. Within the framework of CALAS, Christine Hatzky will be responsible for the setting-up of the regional center in Costa Rica and is together with Wolfgang Gabbert the head of one of the four project research areas, „Violence and Conflict Solutions“.  

- Professor Christine Hatzky also successfully applied for a grant by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for initiation of international collaboration with the Universidad de Costa Rica. The project will utilize the expertise of Leibniz Universität Hannover and Universidad de Costa Rica and their transregional Latin American Studies programs, to research Central American civil wars, peace and transformation processes between 1979 and today in interdisciplinary, transnational and comparative perspective in an interdisciplinary research project for the first time. Aim of the initiation is to discuss future research projects, its problems and questions,
methods and goals, to identify research gaps and to construct a lasting cooperation between the two institutions.

- The CAGS (Department of History, Institute for Sociology) and the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Universidad de Costa, UCR (Escuela de Historia, Escuela de Sociología), got the funding for an exchange of lecturers and students (ISAP-programme of German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD) for 2018-2020 (approx. 90.000 €).
- Prof. Dr. Lidia Becker, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures won a Georg Forster Research Fellowship from the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation for the Argentine colleague Dr. Elvira Narvaja de Arnoux. Her stays at the Leibniz Universität Hannover (Oct.-Dec. 2016, Sept.-Dec. 2017) helped to develop interdisciplinary research projects of the CAGS.
- Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder successfully applied for a grant by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for her research on: Memories of Atlantic Slavery. France and Spain, the French Caribbean and Cuba Compared in the Context of Global Debates about the Commemoration of Slave Trade and Slavery (finances employment for three years April 2018-march 2021, grants for travels, student assistants and publications, approx. 297.000 €).
- Dr. Mark Minnes/ Natascha Rempel, M.A., CAGS/ Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, gained 65.000 € from the programme „Ways into Research“ (WiF II) of the LUH, for their research on "Transatlantic Networks of Theory: Actors, Texts and Structures in the 20th Century" (April 2018-April 2019).
- The CAGS participates in an application of Prof. Dr. Consuelo Naranjo Orovio, Historical Institute of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) in Madrid, Prof. Dr. Werner Mackenbach and Prof. Dr. Héctor Pérez-Brignoli, both Universidad de Costa Rica, colleagues from six European and three Latin America Universities and the Cuban Academy for History within the programme Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) of the European Union on the topic "Connected Worlds: the Caribbean, Origin of Modern World".

Submitted Doctoral Theses (2017/18) and Postdoc Projects gained by PhD candidates

- Dr. des. Ilka Brasch, Department of English, thesis on: Operational Detection: Film Serials and the American Cinema, 1910-1940, supervised by Prof. Dr. Ruth Mayer.
- Dr. des. Christian Helm, Department of History, Postdoc-Project: The Roche Historical Collection and Archive, Bale, Direction of the Project Office "A new History of F. Hoffmann – La Roche Ltd“ and research about the history of the pharmaceutical company Roche in the Americas.
- Dr. des. Mario Peters, Department of History, Postdoc-Project on "Automobility in Brazil since the 1950ies" financed by a Feodor-Lynen research grant of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (April 2018- March 2020 at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro).

Honours/ Awards (2017–2018)

- Dr. des. Christian Helm, was awarded with a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the History Department of the University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus, Canada (1/2017-05/2017).
- Dr. Marta Estévez Grossi, was guest lecturer at the University of Córdoba in Spain, May 2017.
- Dr. habil. Eva Kalny, Institute of Sociology, was guest professor for the Didactics of Political Education at the University of Vienna (Centre for Teacher’s Formation), winter term 2017/18.
Research colloquia

Summer term 2017
Organizers: Harald Barre, Dr. des. Mario Peters (Dept. of History)/ Dr. des. Catharina Peeck, Sebastian Matthes (Institute for Sociology)

Global Trends – Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Flight and Migration I

According to the UNHCR the number of refugees will have risen to above 65 Million by the end of 2016. Hence, more people are fleeing than registered ever (UNHCR 2016). At the same time, along with the influx of refugees, the socio-political debates around belonging in the receiving areas have increased. One example for the trends of social polarization is the surge of right wing movements. However, in the debates, the dynamics that reproduce global inequality and the consequences of political interventions in the respective regions is often less considered. Yet, flight is neither a new, nor regionally limited, nor one-sided phenomenon. Europe, for instance was not always a continent of immigration, as more people migrated from Europe to the American continent, than the other way around until 1945. Not only the devastating wars of the 20th century, but also the social conflicts around decolonization lead to many forms of migration. Poverty and natural catastrophes were very often the triggers for people to leave their homes. Thus, migration and flight dynamics are not one-dimensional. Rather, they are multi-causal, take place between world regions and inside nations and sub-regions, and bring a variety of consequences.

This colloquium, will discuss this range of topics from different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Relating to empirical studies from several world regions, different perspectives are to be uncovered, going beyond the current socio-political debates around refugees. As such, flight will be examined as a social phenomenon which is primarily characterized by its complexity. In connection to this is the question for the roots of wars, forced dislocation, economic inequality. Furthermore, the social dynamics at destinations are to be examined. Furthermore, historiographical approaches can highlight the relevance of the phenomena independent of current trends.

Against the background of the contemplations, and aiming to contribute to an analysis of the complexity of forced migration, we welcome contributions which deal with the historical, socio-political and individual causes and consequences of flight.

3.05.2017 Armin Wühle (Leibniz Universität Hannover)
Die Versorgung traumatisierter Geflüchteter in Niedersachsen. Zwischen Solidarität und strukturellen Stressfaktoren
(The Maintenance of Traumatized Refugees in Lower Saxony. Between Solidarity and Structural Stress Factors)

31.05.2017 Yvette Marcela García (Université de Strasbourg)
Aprehender el exilio desde la sociología de las migraciones y la sociología de género: el caso chileno durante la dictadura

14.06.2017 Gabriele Rosenthal (Universität Göttingen)
Armutsmigration oder Flucht vor kollektiver und individueller Gewalt? Biographische Selbstdarstellungen von MigrantInnen und Flüchtenden aus und in Afrika

1 See: UNHCR: http://www.unhcr.org/5748413a2d9
(Migration to Overcome Poverty or Flight from Collective and Individual Violence? Biographic Self-Representations by Migrants and Refugees from and in Africa)

28.06.2017 Tabea Scharrer (Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle)
Heimkehr oder Entfremdung? Somalische „Rückkehrer“ aus Europa nach Ostafrika
(Homecoming or Alienation? Somali Returnees from Europe to East Africa)

5.07.2017
Thomas Fischer (Katholische Universität Eichstätt)
Wie wird man LateinamerikanerIn? Zugehörigkeiten und Identitäten deutscher ImmigrantInnen seit der Unabhängigkeit
(How one does become a Latin American? Belongings and Identities of German Immigrants since Independence)

Winter term 2017/2018
Global Trends – Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Flight and Migration II (description see above)

25.10.2017, Deborah Bryceson, University of Oxford, Great Britain
Crossing Blurred and Brittle Borders: Transnational Family Migration, Care Circulation and Development Agency

1.11.2017, Elvira Narvaja de Arnoux, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentinien
La retórica de la proximidad en dos argentinos: Juan Domingo Perón y el Papa Francisco

8.11.2017, Matthias Middell, Universität Leipzig
Migration from a Global History Perspective

29.11.2017, Frank Schulze-Engler, Universität Frankfurt/Main
Transregional Entanglements: Afrasian Imaginaries in East African Literature

6.12.2017, Dorothee Wierling, Universität Hamburg
Kaffee-Fahrten. Reisen und Rohkaffeehandel im 20. Jahrhundert
(Coffee Travels. Travels and Coffee Trade in the 20th Century)

13.12.2017, Sonya Lipsett-Rivera, Carleton University, Ottawa, Kanada
Movements in the City: Men’s Relationship to Urban Spaces in Colonial Mexico

17.1.2018, Sergio Guerra, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba
Los inmigrantes antillanos en Cuba en las primeras décadas del siglo XX

24.1.2018, Carmen Becker, Leibniz Universität Hannover
Der “Flüchtling” als Dispositiv. Migration, Politik und Subjektivität
(“The Refugee” as Dispositive. Migration, Politics and Subjectivity)

Presentation within the project "Knowledge for Tomorrow"
• 16.1.2018, Plan Shenjere-Nyabézi, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
"Our ancestors are here, we are here, and will always be here." The Nambya community and the Zimbabwe culture stone buildings in north-western Zimbabwe

Conferences

- Third Latin American Congress of Glottopolitics, 28.-30.09.2017, Prof. Elvira Narvaja de Arnoux, Univ. de Buenos Aires/ Prof. Lidia Becker, CAGS/ Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, approx. 120 participants from North and South America and Europe. The Congress was dedicated to the political dimension of language interventions and the linguistic dimension of political processes.
- International and interdisciplinary Workshop "Culturas de violencia y paz en Centroamérica y el Caribe (1979–2016)", 1.-3.11.2017, at the Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR), Prof. Christine Hatzky, CAGS/ Department of History/ Prof. Wolfgang Gabbert, CAGS/ Institute for Sociology, with participation of historians, sociologists, anthropologists and researchers on Romance literatures. Speakers came from Germany, the US, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Ecuador. The workshop prepared the Cluster "Violence and Conflicts Solutions" (2019–21) of the CALAS/ Maria Sibylla-Merian Centre, see above.
- International Conference "Approaching Ethnoheterogenesis. Membership, Ethnicity, and Social Change in Contemporary Societies", 14.-15.12.2017, Dr. habil Nina-Clara Tiesler, Prof. Dr. Mathias Bös, Deborah Siebert, CAGS/ Institute of Sociology; German and British Universities. The aim of the conference was to further develop Ethnoheterogenesis or other new alternatives as analytical categories for processes of socio-cultural change in complex settings of transnationally constituted societies that can be coined ethnoheterogeneous.
- Workshop CAGS/ Department of Romance Languages and Literatures (Dr. Mark Minnes/ Prof. Anja Bandau), "From Grotesque to Sublime? Representing the Colonial/Racialized Other in the Entangled Enlightenment", 12./13.3.2018, participants from US-American, British and German Universities. The workshop aimed to reconstruct and examine the genealogies and entanglements that constitute the new, pluralized and relational concept of Enlightenment. The construction of the image of the African slave – the epitome of a colonial and racialized Other in the context of plantation slavery – served as a point of comparison with representations of the Other from historical periods which precede the colonial system of plantation slavery or regions outside the reach of colonialism.

Highlights of Teaching: International Guest Professors, Summer Schools

The complete programme of the Master Atlantic Studies in History, Culture and Society (all courses since its existence): [http://www.atlantic-studies.uni-hannover.de/vorlesungsverzeichnis_maaas.html](http://www.atlantic-studies.uni-hannover.de/vorlesungsverzeichnis_maaas.html)

- April 2017, Prof. Diaz Arias, Universidad de Costa Rica, guest lecturer at the LUH, Co-Teaching with Prof. Christine Hatzky, CAGS/ Dept. of History, „Violence and Solution of Conflicts in Central America during Cold War“.
by the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD. Participants from Universities in the U.S., Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Great Britain, France and Switzerland.

- Dec. 2017, Prof. Sonya Lipsett-Rivera, Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada, guest lecturer at the LUH, Co-Teaching with Dr. Schmieder, CAGS/Dept. of History, „Honor, Gender and Space in Latin American History, with focus on the 18th and 19th Century“.
- Jan. 2018, Prof. Dr. Martin Craig, St Thomas Aquinas College, New York, guest lecturer at the LUH, Co-Teaching with Dr. Steffen Führding, Dept. of Religious Science “The Evolution of Jesus“.
- planned for June/ July 2018, Prof. Dr. Juan José Figueroa, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Quito, Ecuador (Sub-Centre of CALAS), guest lecturer at the LUH, Co-Teaching with Prof. Wolfgang Gabbert, CAGS/ Institute for Sociology, „Latin America: Race, Violence, and Politics “.

National Cooperation (selection):

  The platform confirmed the affiliation of the CAGS as associated Centre. With this the research and teaching cooperation existing since 2013 will be enlarged. As the CAGS focusses on the Atlantic regions and the partners at the University of Göttingen on Asian and Pacific regions the research groups complement each other in a fruitful manner.
- **Forum Transregionale Studien** („Transregional Studies“), Berlin (Humboldt-Universität, Freie Universität): The Berlin-based Forum Transregionale Studien is a research organization that promotes the internationalization of research in the humanities and social sciences. Universities can become members if they study world regions and their global entanglements with an interdisciplinary approach. The Leibniz Universität Hannover was accepted in July 2016 because of the research of CAGS members on the Atlantic space and beyond. The Forum is particularly interested in the research of the CAGS on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Membership in CrossArea e.V., Verband für Transregionale Studien, Vergleichende Area Studies und Global Studies, directed by the Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig.
- Within the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CALAS)
  - Centre for Interamerican Studies (CIAS), Universität Bielefeld (Prof. Olaf Kaltmeier, Latin American History, Prof. Wilfried Raussert, Literature and Culture of North America, Prof. Angelika Epple, Global History, Prof. Dr. Joachim Michael, Romance Literatures)
  - Universität Kassel (Prof. Jürgen Burchardt, Political Science)
  - Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena (Prof. Claudia Hammerschmidt, Romance Literatures).
- Membership in the Leibniz Forschungszentrum Inclusive Citizenship at the Leibniz Universität Hannover (Prof. Wolfgang Gabbert, Prof. Mathias Bös, Prof. Christine Hatzky).
- Membership in the Leibniz Forschungszentrum TRUST – Transdisciplinary rural and urban spatial transformation of the LUH (Cluster: Risk and Inequality in Asia, Africa and Latin America - Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder, Dept. of History/ CAGS, Cluster: Actors and Societies in Spatial Contexts: Prof. Dr. Michael Rothman, Dept. of History/ CAGS).
- Membership in the research group „Cultural Heritage as Resource?“ (CHER) at the Leibniz Universität Hannover (Prof. Dr. Mathias Bös, Prof. Wolfgang Gabbert, Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Dr. habil. Nina ClaraTiesler, Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder).
• Membership in the Society for Caribbean Research e.V.: Prof. Dr. Anja Bandau, Natascha Rempel, M.A., Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder.

International Cooperation (selection):

• African Universities within the programme Knowledge for Tomorrow – Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities in Sub Saharan and North Africa (2013-2016, 2016-2019, Volkswagen Stiftung), directed by Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History
  See: Externally Funded Common Research and Cooperation Projects.
• Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) – Center for Advanced Latin American Studies/ Centro de Estudios Avanzados Latinoamericanos (CALAS), directed by Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Department of History/ CAGS, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gabbert, Institute for Sociology/ CAGS.
  See: Externally Funded Common Research and Cooperation Projects.
• The Caribbean, Central America and the Atlantic, group of the Network of Comparative Studies of the Caribbean and the Atlantic World (http://reccma.es/ core: Historical Institute of the Research Council CSIC, Prof. Dr. Consuelo Naranjo Orovio, formed by Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Dr. habil. Ulrike Schmieder, Prof. Dr. Anja Bandau, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gabbert, Dr. des. Christian Helm, Friederike Apelt.
• Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica: Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research projects, funded exchange of students and teaching staff between the Department of History, and the Institute of Sociology of the Leibniz Universität Hannover with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Alexander von Humboldt Chair of the Universidad de Costa, programme directed by Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky (LUH) and Dr. David Diaz Arias (UCR).
• Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar/ Senegal; Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students, programme directed by Prof. Dr. Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History.
• Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students, programme directed by Prof. Dr. Anja Bandau, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
• University of Nebraska, Lincoln/ USA, Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students.
• University of the West Indies Mona/ Jamaica; Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students.
• Universidad de Concepción, Concepción/ Chile, Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students.
• Universidad de La Habana: Longstanding informal research cooperation with the colleagues of the Departamento de Historia (Prof. Sergio Guerra Vilaboy, Prof. Dr. María del Carmen Maseda Urra, Prof. Dr. María del Carmen Barcia Zequeira, Dr. Oilda Hevia Lanier et al.) shall be formalized. Prof. Guerra gave a lecture in the CAGS research colloquium in January 2018 and participated in different conversations on a future agreement.
• University of British Columbia, Vancouver and Okanagan/ Canada, Agreement of Academic Cooperation, research and teaching cooperation, exchange of students, common research on transnational solidarity, programme directed by Prof. Dr. Christine Hatzky, Dept. of History/ CAGS.
• Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada. Prof. Dr. Sonya Lipsett–Rivera, after her guest professorship and talks with the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in Dec. 2017 works on a Memorandum of Understanding between LUH and Carlton University, programme directed by Prof. Christine Hatzky, Dr. Ulrike Schmieder, CAGS/ Dept. of History.
Publications of two or more members of the CAGS

Published:
• Borst, Julia/ Fuchs, Rebecca/ Urioste-Buschmann, Martina (eds.), Crossing Thresholds: Gender and Decoloniality in Caribbean Knowledge = EnterText, An interactive interdisciplinary e-journal for cultural and historical studies and creative work, Brunel University London, No. 12 (2018), (http://www.brunel.ac.uk/creative-writing/research/entertext/issues), with contributions of members of CAGS in the Department of History and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
Work in progress:
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• Volume of the conference Reshaping (g)local dynamics of the Caribbean of the Society of Caribbean Research (SoCaRe) 2015, edited by Prof. Anja Bandau, with contributions of colleagues of the Department of History and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
• Overview on all common publications, see: http://www.cags.uni-hannover.de/11446.html.

Planned Activities

• Herrenhäuser Konferenz, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, end of 2019/ beginning of 2020 on „Dealing with Violence – Resolving Conflicts in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean”, will be prepared with two internal workshops with invited experts on 22 and 29 June 2018.
• Summer School "Anthropology and Contemporary Visual Arts from the Black Atlantic: between the art museum and the ethnological museum in the Global North" in Dakar/ Senegal, Port-au-Prince/Haiti and Hanover, 2018-2020, in cooperation with the Museum of Lower Saxony, Hanover, directed by Prof. Brigitte Reinwald, in cooperation with: Dr. El Hadji Malick Ndiaye, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar; Prof. Dr. Kerstin Pinther, Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität Munich, Prof. Dr. Christoph Singler, Université de Franche Comté, Besançon, France; Dr. Romuald Tchibozo, Université d’Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou/ Benin; Dr. Sterlin Ulysse, Université d’Etat d’Haiti, Port-au-Prince. Summer Schools in Dakar (2018), Port-au-Prince (2019) and Hanover (2020), Exhibition in the Museum of Lower Saxony, Hanover.
• Participation of Prof. Christine Hatzky at the project Echoes of the South Atlantic – On the Future of the Southern Transatlantic Relations, project on cultures of the Atlantic, Goethe-Institutes in Africa and Latin America, 2018-2021.

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