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Call for Panels and Presentations

Belonging in a Globalised World

10th Interdisciplinary Conference of the DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies

Celebrating 100 years DAAD and 200 years of German immigration to Brazil

19-23 May 2025 in Porto Alegre, Brazil

We are delighted to announce the scholarly networking conference of the Centres for German and European Studies "Belonging in a Globalised World", which will take place from 19 to 23 May 2025 in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The Brazilian centre "Centro de Estudos Europeus e Alemães" (CDEA) at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) and the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) as well as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) kindly invite all researchers, doctoral students and Master's students with an advanced research project at current or former DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies as well as other academics researching on German and European topics to submit proposals for conference contributions. Proposals for contributions to the interdisciplinary panels can come from all fields of social and cultural sciences, political science, law, economics, history, literature and linguistics, sociology, geography, art history, etc.

Conference theme

Belonging is a key concept of our time; it can express a desire or describe an actual circumstance. In any case, as individuals or as a society, we are all characterised by different affiliations, be it in academic, national, cultural, geographical, regional, political, historical or religious terms. The question of localisation also arises in our divided and at the same time globalised world, in which the North-South axis, conflicts and convergences, identity(ies) and differences play a central role.



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The DAAD Centres Conference 2025 aims to bring together different perspectives and approaches from the various centres and discuss the question: What does belonging mean in our world and which elements are significant in this context?

The two major anniversaries - 100 years of the DAAD and 200 years of German immigration in Brazil (2024) - also provide an opportunity to look at the prospects for international academic cooperation and major migration movements.

As this is the first centre conference to take place in the Global South, postcolonial perspectives as well as concerns about sustainability and historical and future-oriented approaches are of particular interest. We want to discuss the broad field of tension in which affiliations and identities and their social thematization are negotiated.

Since the end of the Second World War, our societies have become increasingly interconnected in many areas - economic, political, cultural and environmental - at an individual, organisational and state level. Migration also plays an important role in this. With the wave of globalisation in the 1990s, the topic of belonging(s) has become increasingly important, especially regarding national identities and nationalism.

Main topics of the conference

Separate panels will focus primarily on seven key topics.

- (1) Identity and Belonging**, e.g. the divided individual; the individual, the region and the nation between citizenship and place of residence; migration and 'new citizenship'; regional identities and regionalism; cultural identity; geographical identity; multiculturalism; art and cultural identity: global cultural assets and 'national' works of art; national conflicts and belonging; group affiliations; political boundaries/'political affiliations'; forms of life in postmodernity; tastes of belonging
- (2) Language and Belonging**, e.g. the role of language in migration; migration linguistics; migration literature; language and cultural identity; multilingualism and language law; minority languages; the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages; languages, consumption and cultural consumer protection
- (3) Home and Migration**, e.g. what is home today?; divisions, communities and connectedness: belonging and migration; colonisation and indigeneity; Native Americans and the postcolonial vision; cultural identity and legal systems



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- (4) Migration and Integration**, e.g. integration and cultural identity; diverse societies; Germany as an immigration country; tourism and immigration; refugees and asylum seekers; women, children and migration; elderly people and migration; democracy and migration
- (5) Globalisation and Belonging**, e.g. individuals and globalisation; global companies - local personnel; nomadism and tribalism; migration movements in a globalised world; digitalisation; radicalism; religion and coexistence; tolerance as a global or European value; democracy and globalisation
- (6) Sustainability and Belonging**, e.g. global or shared sustainability?; sustainability and German companies; sustainable consumption and the future; sustainable tourism; climate change and migration; climate change, energy and globalisation; climate change, climate protection and climate activism
- (7) German and European Studies and Academic Affiliation**, e.g. academic exchange and globalisation: 100 Years of DAAD; DAAD alumni; transnational exchange and affiliation; academic ranking; excellence initiatives; networking initiatives; networking activities and cooperation projects of the Centres

The DAAD Centres Conference 2025 aims to systematise and discuss the different perspectives of the DAAD Centres in relation to reflections inspired by history. A special focus will be placed on the integration of various fields of science, whereby an interdisciplinary and comparative debate on possible medium and long-term trends in society, politics and culture is particularly encouraged. Proposals for topics that go beyond this and are related to the overall theme of the conference are also possible.

Modalities – Submission of proposals

We welcome proposals for panels/workshops/roundtables of groups of scholars and individual presentations to be selected by the conference's Advisory Board, which is made up of selected Centre directors and academics at Centres representing the worldwide centres network.

We aim for a conference programme that genuinely reflects the scholarly work currently undertaken at the DAAD Centres worldwide.

Please note that there is no requirement to submit completed presentations ahead of the conference. However, if you would like to pre-circulate a paper among members of your panel, you are welcome to do so in agreement with your panel moderator/chair.



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A. Panels / Workshops / Roundtables etc.

Proposals for panels/workshops/roundtables of groups of scholars should provide the following information:

- a. The panel's/workshop's/roundtable's title
- b. A description of the planned format of approx. 50 words
- c. An abstract of the panel's/workshop's/roundtable's etc. theme of approx. 150 words
- d. Name, academic title and institutional affiliation(s) of each participant (i. a. including the Centre for German and European Studies)
- e. Titles of the participants' contributions plus abstracts for each contribution of a maximum of 300 words each plus max. 5 bibliographical references each
- f. Name of the moderator/chair
- g. Name of the coordinator including contact details

Formats in which two or more Centres for German and European Studies and/or academics of various disciplines cooperate are especially welcome!

B. Individual Presentations

The interdisciplinary panels will be made up of two to three presentations from academics with different disciplinary backgrounds. All panels will be moderated by experienced members of the DAAD Centres network.

Proposals for individual presentations should provide the following information:

- a. Name, academic title and institutional affiliation(s) (including the Centre for German and European Studies)
- b. Title of the presentation
- c. Abstract of the presentation of a maximum of 500 words
- d. A short academic CV including a maximum of 5 bibliographical references
- e. At the actual panels, we kindly ask panelists to present a ten-minute summary i.a. using 3 to 4 PowerPoint slides. The DAAD kindly asks successful applicants to submit their finished presentations at least 3 weeks prior to the conference.

Submission deadline

The deadline for submissions will be Monday, 18 November 2024.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the DAAD in one PDF file: zenko@daad.de



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The DAAD will notify you most likely by mid-January 2025 whether the Academic Advisory Council has selected your proposal for the conference.

Conference language

The DAAD Centers' Conference 2025 will take a bilingual approach. English and German are the conference languages. A good, at least passive, knowledge of the respective other language is required. The DAAD actively supports multilingualism and the use of German as an academic language.

Financial Support

Upon request, the DAAD is happy to offer applicants whose proposal has been accepted financial support in the form of conference grants, subject to the availability of funds. Conference grants include participation in the conference, travel, accommodation and board (breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks. i. a. evening receptions) for the duration of the conference. Further details will be provided after the conference proposals have been selected.

Further information will soon be available at <http://www.daad.de/cges>

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