

Welcome to the Centre

Your Monthly Study of Culture Update!

Giessen | May 2025



**"Art bears great potential for
amplifying the visibility of
peripheralised spaces in Europe and
beyond."**



✨ [GCSC Exhibition Opening](#) ✨

**Miloš Đurovićs (University of Regensburg),
artist researcher with "Extractivism, Pollution
and the Future: Pljevlja in Photography"**

Liebe Mitglieder des GGK und GCSC,
liebe interessierte Leser_innen

wir hoffen, Sie hatten einen guten Start ins Sommersemester. Zum Monatsbeginn möchten wir Ihnen wieder einen kompakten Überblick geben zu den Veranstaltungen an unserem Zentrum. Wie gewohnt können Sie mit einem Klick im Inhaltsverzeichnis direkt zu den Bereichen navigieren, die Sie am meisten interessieren.

Besonders hinweisen möchten wir an dieser Stelle auch schon einmal auf die anstehende Mitgliederversammlung am 11. Juni, in deren Rahmen auch wieder die Gremienwahlen stattfinden werden. 🗨️📦

Viel Vergnügen bei der Lektüre und auf bald!

Dear GGK and GCSC Members,
dear Interested Readers,

We hope you had a good start of the summer semester. We would like to give you once again a compact overview of upcoming events at our centre as well as share some important announcements with you. As usual, you can navigate straight to the areas that interest you most by clicking on the table of contents. We would like to take this opportunity to already draw your attention to the upcoming General Assembly on June 11, which will once again include the elections to the committees. 🗨️📦

Best wishes,



apl. Prof. Dr. Michael Basseler,
Geschäftsführung (Academic
Manager)



Dr. Jens Kugele,
Forschungskoordination (Head of
Research Coordination)



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Goings On

Let's zoom in on some selected events, highlights, accomplishments, and other news from our centre's orbit. Responsible for the content is [Sandra Engels](#).

GGK/GCSC General Assembly

🗳️ Committee Elections 2025 🗳️

Wednesday, 11.06.2025, 16:00 (CEST) | GCSC (Conference Room)



We invite all GGK and GCSC members to cast your vote or stand for election and actively shape our centre's committees! The Directorate, the Graduate Students Committee (GSC), the Equal Opportunities Committee (EOC) and the GCSC Selection Committee hold important functions in the academic self-administration of our centre. Don't miss your chance to have your voice heard!

During the General Assembly, you will also receive the latest news about developments at the centre and have the opportunity to give personal feedback.

👉 If you'd like to stand for election or have questions about it, please contact [Piera Mazzaglia](#) (GCSC).

Ways into Earning One's Doctoral Degree

i Information Event for Future Doctoral Students **i**

Wednesday, 18.06.2025, 13:00–16:30 (CEST) | Universitätshauptgebäude,
Ludwigstraße 23, Giessen

WEGE IN DIE PROMOTION



Passt eine Promotion zu mir?
Was brauche ich für einen guten Einstieg
in die Promotion?

Wie finanziere ich meine Promotionszeit?
Wie kann ich an meiner Hochschule
promovieren?

Welche Unterstützung bietet mir meine
Hochschule während der Promotion?

**INFORMATIONSVANSTALTUNG
FÜR PROMOTIONSINTERESSIERTE
ALLER MITTELHESSISCHEN
HOCHSCHULEN**






Ready, Steady, Go Cycling!







  GCSC Goes Stadtradeln  



25.05.2025—14.06.2025



Join the GCSC Team for STADTRADELN 2025!   City Cycling is back and we're joining for the third time! After two strong years in the JLU rankings, we're aiming high again—every kilometre counts. Track your rides [online](#) or with the [STADTRADELN app](#) to support sustainable mobility and better local cycling infrastructure. All team members get a small bike goodie. 

No bike? [Nextbikes](#) are free for students for up to 45 minutes per ride.

We're kicking things off with a fun group ride to Bad Nauheim sweetened with some ice cream or cake as reward  . Choose your preferred day [here](#) and join us for a fun trip! We will announce the exact times and meeting points later—stay tuned in your inbox and on our Research Square!    

For now: **Join the GCSC team [here](#)**—we'd love to have you on board!  

Want to stay on top of all Alumni-News, Publication Releases and Announcements from our Centre's orbit?

[Visit our Newsboard](#)

Publications

With the interdisciplinary Open Access journals *KULT_online* and *On_Culture* as well as its publication series at WVT and De Gruyter, the GCSC offers varied

publication forums for academic exchange on the study of culture. If you have any questions regarding publications, you can contact [Isabella Kalte](#).



On_Culture: The Open Journal for the Study of Culture is a biannual, peer-reviewed scholar-led journal created and edited by doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at the GCSC. It provides a platform and forum for pursuing and reflecting on key concepts and methods in the Study of Culture.

[Visit On_Culture](#)

Call for Abstracts: #20 "Celebration" (Spring 2026)

Celebrations—far more than mere expressions of joy or commemoration—function as complex social phenomena that reveal power dynamics, cultural transformations, and evolving relationships between humans and their environment. Celebrating the 20th publication of *On_Culture*, we invite contributions that explore the complex cultural history, environmental impact, potential for exclusion, and performative power of celebrations. 🎉

Submit your **abstracts (300 words)**, **bio note (250 words)**, and **5–6 keywords** to content@on-culture.org by **1 June 2025** and join us in exploring the many facets of celebration in the study of culture!

[Full CfA](#)

Call for Applications: Editorial Team Members

We invite all GCSC, GGK, and IPP (post-)doctoral researchers to play an integral role in the publication cycles of our journal! Starting June 2025, the new member of the editorial team participates in conceptualising calls for papers, editorial work (assessing submitted abstracts, organising peer reviews, formatting, copyediting) and the publishing process with WordPress and OJS (Open Journal Systems). This is a unique opportunity to gain editorial experience, work creatively and conceptually, and help shape an innovative

publishing project. Apply by **15 May 2025** by sending your CV and a brief letter of motivation to content@on-culture.org.

[Full CfA](#)

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Kult_online is the GGK/GCSC's biannual, interdisciplinary Open Access review journal featuring reviews of recent books related to the broad Study of Culture field. Launched in 2003, it has become a model for other graduate publication media in Germany.

[Visit Kult_online](#)

Call for Reviews: Autumn Issue 2025

Are you interested in reviewing recent publications within the Study of Culture? Then (re-)join the team of authors through one of the following options:

1. There are available review copies ready to be picked up at the GCSC. [Write us an email](#) and we will send you the list.
2. Review any recent publication (2023–2025) within the Study of Culture. Just get in touch with your suggestion and if it fits the journal's scope, we will request a review copy for you from the publisher.
3. KULT_online publishes all sorts of event reports – a very good opportunity to inform your peers about an interesting conference, workshop, summer school, etc.

Your review/report will be published in one of the next issues of KULT_online – a great chance to extend your list of publications. For further information, please have a look at our [submission guidelines](#).

Research Programme

Courses and Events

The GCSC offers varied courses and events ranging from keynote lectures to master classes, and research workshops. If you have further questions or suggestions regarding the research programme, please contact [Piera Mazzaglia](#).

Visit our Study Calender

GCSC KEYNOTE LECTURE SERIES Summer Semester 2025

The GCSC Keynote Lecture Series is open to anyone interested in attending. To provide relevant topics for the diverse set of research interests pursued within the GCSC, the lectures in this series are positioned for an interdisciplinary spectrum of listeners and centred on current concepts, questions and theories within the study of culture.

[Spaces of Peripheralization: Extractivism, Pollution and Environmental Future in Southeastern Europe](#) | Tuesday, **22.05.2025**, 18:00–20:00 (CEST) | GCSC & online | **[Prof. Dr. Ger Duijzings](#)** (University of Regensburg)

💡 Afterwards: **Opening of the Photography Exhibition "[Extractivism, Pollution and the Future: Pljevlja in Photography](#)"** | 20:00–22:00 (CEST) with fingerfood buffet 🍽️📷👉 | GCSC (2nd Floor) | **[Miloš Đurovićs](#)** (University of Regensburg) | organised by Research Area 7 "Global Studies and Politics of Space" in cooperation with the Advanced Course of Eastern European History (JLU)

[Rereading Childhood: Autobiography, Criticism, and Memory](#) | Wednesday, **04.06.2025**, 18:00–20:00 (CEST) | GCSC & online | **[Prof. Dr.](#)**

[Timothy Baker](#) (University of Aberdeen) | as part of the IPP/GCSC-Symposium "Acts of Writing"

[What is Queer Marxism?](#) | Tuesday, **24.06.2025**, 18:00–20:00 (CEST) | GCSC & online | [Prof. Dr. Mari Jarris](#) (Cornell University) | part of the GCSC Exchange with the IGCS of Cornell University

[Sound Studies Today: Auditory Experience, Media Technologies, and Literary Textuality](#) | Tuesday, **08.07.2025**, 18:00–20:00 (CEST) | GCSC & online | [Prof. Dr. Rolf Goebel](#) (University of Alabama in Huntsville/GCSC)

[Confronting Climate Change in Popular Music: Nostalgia, Apocalypse, Utopia](#) | Tuesday, **15.07.2025**, 18:00–20:00 (CEST) | GCSC & online | [Prof. Dr. Tore Størvold](#) (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) | organised by the Research Area 9 "Ecology and the Study of Culture"

[Visit our Keynote Lecture Series](#)

Conferences



[Symposium](#) | Wednesday, **04.06.2025** – Friday, **06.06.2025** | GCSC | contact [Dr.in Isabella Engberg_\(IPP\)](#).

👉💡💬 How do practices of writing actually look like? Writing is not only a literary practice—in the traditional sense—but one linked to various professions and institutions, making it a cultural practice. This symposium seeks to provide new perspectives on the acts or practices of writing by fostering a creative and collaborative dialogue about forms, spaces, and perspectives on writing.



Workshops

[Spaces of Peripheralization: Extractivism, Pollution and Environmental Future in Southeastern Europe](#) |

Thursday, **22.05.2025**, 14:00–16:00 (CEST) | GCSC (SR126) | **Miloš Đurović** (University of Regensburg)



Practical Courses

[Academic Writing Part II](#) | Tuesday, **06.05.2025**, 14:00–16:00 (CEST) | GCSC (SR109) | **Dr. Deborah de Muijnck** (GCSC)

[The Art of Writing Paragraphs: Tips For Your Dissertation and Your Next Paper](#) | Wednesday, **21.05.2025**, 14:00–16:00 (CEST) | GCSC (SR126) | **Dr. Isabella Maria Engberg** (IPP) and **Louise Louw** (IPP)

Teaching Centre

The Teaching Centre supports (post)doctoral researchers of our Centre in their higher-education teaching experiences. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the events of the Teaching Centre, please contact our [Teaching Center](#).

Designing a Course Syllabus | Wednesday, **23.04.2025**, 14:00–18:00 (CEST) | GCSC (SR126) | **apl. Prof. Dr. Michael Basseler** (GCSC)

Designing a Course Session | Monday, **12.05.2025**, 09:00–13:00 (CEST) | GCSC (SR109) | **Prof. Dr. Claudia Hattendorff** (GCSC)

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Career Service

Our Centre's Career Service aims to prepare you for your career entry during the doctoral phase. To this end, we offer workshops on career-relevant topics in cooperation with various partners. If you have any questions regarding the Career Service, please contact [Hannah Mansour](#).



Welcher Job passt zu mir? Dimensionen der Berufsfindung | Thursday, **22.05.2025**, 10:00–12:30 (CEST) | GCSC (SR126) | **Christiane Meyer-Fenderl & Christine Schramm**



Chancen entdecken: Alles nur kein Unternehmertum? Entrepreneurship für Geistes- und Kulturwissenschaftler_innen | **25.05.2025**, tba | GCSC (Conference Room) | **Tristan Herbold** (ECM) mit einem Testimonial von **Anastasiia Mashava** (Faden e.V.)

Diese Veranstaltung bietet Ihnen die Möglichkeit, Vorurteile und Berührungsängste rund um das Thema „Unternehmertum“ abzubauen und zu sehen, wie unternehmerisches Denken und Handeln zur Lösung gesellschaftlicher, ökologischer und ökonomischer Herausforderungen beitragen kann. 📧 **Anmeldung** unter info@ecm-gruendungszentrum.de

Visit our Career Service



Visit the IPP

The International PhD Programme "Literary and Cultural Studies" (IPP) provides a wide range of possibilities for (post)graduate researchers to gain academic and practical qualifications. The core modules, seminars, workshops, and master classes feature renowned scholars from all over the world and allow to familiarise with state-of-the-art concepts, theories, methodologies, and approaches. If you have any questions regarding the events of the IPP, please contact the [IPP-Team](#).

Writing Café and Work-in-Progress Series:

Join our **Writing Café**—an informal space for collective writing sessions for GCSC and IPP members—to work on PhD chapters, colloquium materials, conference papers, or publications while enjoying tea, coffee, and snacks. 🍵☕ The Writing Café meets every two to three weeks for a four-hour session with short breaks. You will also have the chance to discuss writing queries with the IPP coordinator. If you want to present your progress, you can also join the **Work-in-Progress Series**. This connected event series is the perfect opportunity to write, receive feedback, and set personal deadlines.



Writing Café (Thursdays, 9:30-13:30)

8.05.2025 (GCSC, SR 109)
22.05.2025 (GCSC, SR 324)
12.06.2025 (GCSC, SR 109)
26.06.2025 (GCSC, SR 109)



Work in Progress (Tuesdays 10:00-13:00)

13.05.2025 (GCSC, SR 109)
17.06.2025 (GCSC, SR 109)
Sign-Up via Stud.IP [here](#).



[Visit the RCSC](#)

As a dynamic hub and interface for the study of culture, the Research Centre for the Study of Culture (RCSC) offers a space for creative thinking and work with a view to mobilizing collaborative research projects and external funding. It involves both senior and early-career researchers to promote dialogue across different subjects and faculties, as well as engaging the wider public. If you have further questions regarding events or opportunities at the RCSC, please contact [Prof. Dr. Jan Rupp](#).



Reading & Writing Groups

Reading Group 'Postmigrant Studies' | [contact](#)

Reading Group 'Reading Palestine' | [contact](#)



Research Groups & Colloquia

[Research Colloquia](#)

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Support

Current Calls for Fellowships, Prices, & Co

Are you a (post)doctoral researcher at the Centre looking for opportunities to support your research plans and make new connections? To provide a few stepping stones into the world of external funding, we curate interesting calls on

our MS Teams Research Square. Explore information about fellowships, travel funding, prizes, publication support, and more. All researchers from our network who would like to join our Research Square to collaborate in our Research Groups, please contact the [GGK/GCSC Office Team](#). If you have further questions regarding Member Support, please contact [Lena Nüchter](#).

Join our Research Square

Familie und Karriere: Promovieren mit Kind(ern)

Tuesday, 13.05.2025, 12:15–13:45 (CEST) |

JLU Main Building, Gustav-Krüger-Saal, Ludwigstr. 23, 35390 Gießen
with Justus Grebe and Swantje Frank-Jakob



Between doctorate and diapers - what is PhD life with children really like? Whether you already have kids or are thinking about starting a family, join us for an informal conversation with the GCSC's very own Justus Grebe and Swantje Frank-Jakob (Kunstwissenschaft, three children), who will share their journeys of parenting and PhD'ing. The working group *Career & Family* will also introduce support services available to doctoral researchers with children. Bring your questions, share tips, and connect in a relaxed setting! [The event will be in German; questions in English are welcome!] Sign up [here](#).

Machtmissbrauch in der Wissenschaft –

Querschnittsdimension Familie

Tuesday, 03.06.2025, 10:15–11:45 (CEST) | online



In this "Meet the Expert" session, Prof. Dr. Christina Hölzel (MaWi Network) explores how family responsibilities intersect with academic hierarchies and the structural dependencies within supervisory relationships. Drawing on real-life cases, she discusses how vulnerabilities can arise, where boundaries may blur between guidance and power imbalance, and what support is available to those affected.

[The event will be in German; questions in English are welcome!]

Sign up [here](#).



From and For Our Members

GSC Office Hour | weekly, Mondays 12:00-14:00 (CEST) | GCSC (R 201) | Graduate Student Committee

Features

People at the Centre

Our Centre thrives in and from multiple platforms, networks, and partnership, but first and foremost through all researchers involved. Meet our individual researchers and guests in our [YouTube Spotlight series](#) or [#MeetUsMonday on LinkedIn](#)! Thank's for enriching our Centre and advancing the interdisciplinary Study of Culture on an international scale!

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