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Programme

25–26 June 2026

**Response-Abilities. Professing the Study
of Culture in Times of Disruption,
Entanglements, and Transformation**

GGK/GCSC
Conference Room (Ground Floor)
Otto-Behagel-Straße 12
35394 Gießen

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

12:30 Registration & Welcome Reception | GCSC foyer

13:30 **Conference Opening**

Welcome Address

Karsten Krüger (Vice President, JLU)

Welcome @ Opening Remarks

Claudia Hattendorff, Andreas Langenohl, Kirsten von Hagen (JLU, GGK/GCSC Executive Board)

Notes on the Programme

Michael Basseler (JLU, GGK/GCSC Academic Manager)

14:00 **Provocation Paper I**

Katharina Hoppe (Goethe University Frankfurt)

"The Ability to Respond, Now: Epistemology, Ethics, Politics"

Response: Doris Bachmann-Medick (JLU, GCSC)

Chair: Hubertus Büschel (University of Kassel)

15:00 **Provocation Paper II**

Caroline Levine (Cornell University)

"Oligarchy, Ecocide, and the Responsibility to Take Action"

Response: Peter Sands (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Chair: Deborah de Muijnck (JLU, GCSC)

16:00 Coffee Break | GCSC foyer

16:30 **Provocation Paper III**

Paul Fleming (Cornell University)

"Reading (the) Right"

Response: Greta Olson (JLU)

Chair: Oleksandr Chertenko (JLU)

17:30 **Roundtable I: Response-Ability as an Institutional Challenge**

Frederik van Dam (Radboud University), **Sebastian Garbe** (University of Applied Sciences Fulda),

Eva Geulen (Leibniz Center for Literary and Cultural Research), **Julika Griem** (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen), **Elisabeth Herrmann** (University of Warwick)

Moderation: Andreas Langenohl (JLU, GGK/GCSC)

19:00 Dinner Buffet | GCSC foyer

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 **Provocation Paper IV**

Ciraj Rassool (*University of Western Cape*)

“Public History, Counter-Museology, and the Postmuseum: Journeys through Museum Transformation in Africa and Europe”

Response: Bettina Brockmeyer (*JLU*)

Chair: Jörn Ahrens (*JLU*)

10:00 **Provocation Paper V**

Stefan Peters (*JLU/CAPAZ*)

“Critique of Mainstream Liberalism in Times of Rising Authoritarian Anti-Liberalism: Perspectives from Development and Peace and Conflict Studies”

Response: Thorsten Bonacker (*Marburg University*)

Chairs: Reqqa Salem Qubailat (*JLU, GCSC*) & Katharina Hacker (*JLU, GCSC*)

11:00 **Coffee Break** | GCSC, 2nd floor

Gallery Walk (Poster Session)

Research, Research Management, and Response-Abilities at the GGK/GCSC

Moderation: Claudia Hattendorff (*JLU*)

12:00 **Roundtable II: Future Response-Abilities. Dialogue, Collaboration, Collective Action**

Martin Butler (*University of Oldenburg*), **Alma Simba** (*JLU, GCSC*), **Katharina Stornig** (*University of Vienna*), **Raul Calzoni** (*University of Bergamo*)

Moderation: Jens Kugele (*GCSC*)

13:30 **Lunch Snack** | GCSC, foyer

14:30 **Departure**