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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  
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# THURSDAY, JUNE 25

12:30 Registration & Welcome Reception | GCSC foyer

13:30 **Conference Opening**

**Welcome Address**

JLU Vice President Scientific Infrastructure Karsten Krüger (*Justus Liebig University*)

**Welcome @ Opening Remarks**

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

**Notes on the Programme**

Michael Basseler (*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 (*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*)

Chair: Deborah de Muijnck (*GCSC*)

16:00 Coffee Break | GCSC foyer

16:30 **Provocation Paper III**

**Paul Fleming** (*Cornell University*)

*"Reading (the) Right"*

**Response:** Greta Olson (*Justus Liebig University*)

Chair: Oleksandr Chertenko (*Justus Liebig University*)

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

**Frederik van Dam** (*Radbout 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 (*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** (*Justus Liebig University*)

Chair: **Jörn Ahrens** (*Justus Liebig University*)

10:00 **Provocation Paper V**

**Stefan Peters** (*Justus Liebig University/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** (*GCSC*) & **Katharina Hacker** (*GCSC*)

11:00 **Coffee Break** | GCSC foyer

**Gallery Walk (Poster Session)**

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

Moderation: **Claudia Hattendorff** (*GCSC*)

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

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

Moderation: **Jens Kugele** (*GCSC*)

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

14:30 **Departure**