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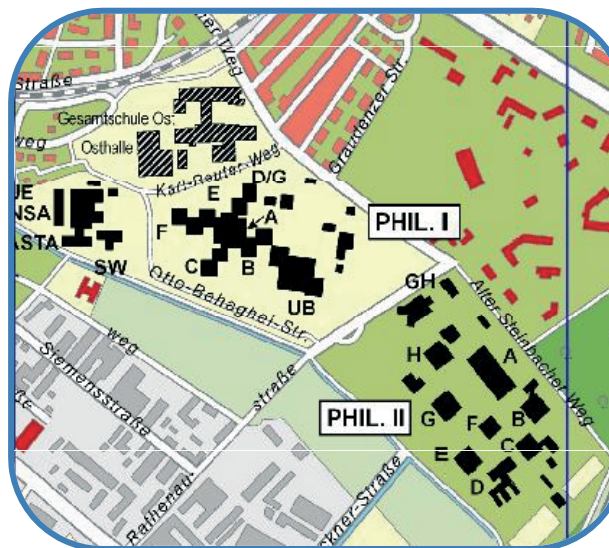
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Campus Map



The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies

Interdisciplinary
Eastern European and
International Expertise

Slavic Studies
Turkic Studies
History of Eastern Europe
Political Sciences
Economics
Law



Who we are

The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo) is the regional-studies research and teaching center for Eastern Europe at the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen. By combining cultural and socio-scientific research on Eastern Europe, the center provides an excellent basis for interdisciplinary research on the region.

Taking the term "Eastern Europe" to include Eastern Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe as well as Turkey and the Turkic-speaking regions of the former Soviet Union, the GiZo aims to describe, analyze and evaluate Eastern Europe within the context of Europe as a whole.

The GiZo benefits from a long tradition of Eastern European research in Geography, Agriculture, Cultural Studies, and Social Sciences at Giessen University.



The profile of the GiZo is based on:

- encouraging cooperation between the following disciplines: Eastern European History, Slavic Studies, Turkic Studies, Political Sciences, Law and Economics
- opening up a wider understanding of the notion of Eastern Europe to include the Eurasian regions
- providing comprehensive research and teaching on all the regions of Eastern Europe
- covering a broad historical range in research and teaching, from the Middle Ages to the present day

Research at the GiZo

In order to create and benefit from meaningful synergy between the participating disciplines, research at the GiZo is interdisciplinary and organized by topic. At present, there are three research teams focusing on,

- nationalization and internationalization in Eastern Europe
- Slavic and Turkic cultures – where Asia and Europe converge
- processes of transformation in Eastern Europe



In all three sections cultural and social scientists develop new methods and approaches to describe, analyze and evaluate the developments in Eastern Europe. The perspective of research is neither regionally nor temporally limited.

Our research is based on the principles of:

- interdisciplinary cooperation
- methodological pluralism
- developing novel methods for and approaches to the description, analysis and evaluation of developments in Eastern Europe
- making a significant contribution to international research on Eastern Europe
- furthering international cooperation within research on Eastern Europe

Teaching at the GiZo

Starting from the winter term 2007/2008, the GiZo offers a career-oriented Master's degree program with the title "Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe".



This program is notable for its interdisciplinary and international nature, as well as its emphasis on applied research.

The program of study includes

- 120 credit points accumulated over two academic years
- a major in either Slavic Studies or History of Eastern Europe
- a minor in two of the following: Slavic Studies, Turkic Studies, History of Eastern Europe, Law, Political Studies or Economics
- an interdisciplinary Master's thesis

The Master is characterized by:

- an early introduction to interdisciplinary Eastern European research, beginning at the very start of the program
- career-oriented and practical training through projects and internships
- research and teaching covering all regions of Eastern Europe
- the combination of Eastern European Studies with Turkic Studies and the discussion of the Turkic regions' place in Europe
- a broad historical focus in teaching on Eastern Europe, from the Middle Ages up to the 21st century.