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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-Behaghel-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