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# Annual Report

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## GLOBAL SOUTH STUDIES CENTER COLOGNE

# 2016

In 2016, the GSSC went into its third year of funding and further consolidated its operations. On the side of the center's principal investigators, much effort was invested into the refining and further advancing of collaborative research proposals. Public relations activities were geared toward addressing current socio-political issues and into re-launching part of the center's web presence.

As announced in late 2016, Prof. Anne Storch (African Studies), a founding member of the GSSC, was awarded the prestigious Leibniz-Preis 2017 for being an "extremely innovative and world-renowned researcher in African Studies who has contributed to a far-reaching reorientation of her field through her pioneering work."<sup>1</sup> Congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.dfg.de/en/funded\\_projects/prizewinners/leibniz\\_prize/2017/storch/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/funded_projects/prizewinners/leibniz_prize/2017/storch/index.html)

# PIs AND FUNDING

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The following new PIs were welcomed at the center in 2016:

Alexander Follmann (Senior Researcher, Institute for Geography), Carmen Ibanez Cueto (Senior Researcher, Latin American History), Franz Krause (Anthropologist, Emmy Noether Research Group leader), Mario Schmidt (Anthropologist and Senior Researcher at the Institute for African Studies and Egyptology), and Dorothea Schulz (Professor at the Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology).

2016, THE GSSC HAD  
42 PIS, OF WHICH 20  
ARE FEMALE.

PIs Carmen Ibanez Cueto and Albert Manke (both Senior Researchers, Latin American History) left the University of Cologne by the end of 2016 and thus their membership of the GSSC terminated. At the end of 2016, the GSSC had 42 PIs, of which 20 are female.

Of the center's strategic funding, c. 46% was spent on Workshops, 21% on Publications, 13% on Gender-sensitive measures, and 10% each on Focus Global South and on Public Lecture events.

More than 60 individual funding applications were handed in for decision, almost 80% by Junior PIs.

## RESEARCH FUNDING INITIATIVES AND JOINT PUBLICATIONS

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In 2016, many of the GSSC's PIs were caught up in intensified advancements of third-party funding applications.

For one, the earlier initiative for a collaborative research center (SFB) "*Value Chains and the Making and Unmaking of the Global South*" was further developed and later converted into the application for a Center of Excellence (CoE), named "*Paradox of Globalization: Localizing Global Entanglements in a Polycentric World*", together with the University of Siegen. The decision to build the CoE application on these earlier conceptual reflections was made by the GSSC's executive board in early 2016 for a number of reasons. First and foremost, however, it was due to an appreciation that the capacities of the GSSC are not sufficient to jointly apply for a collaborative research center and a CoE, and the fact that the application for a CoE was considered more relevant given the current circumstances.

Seven PIs of the GSSC were furthermore involved in the drafting of a concept paper for a collaborative research center/Transregio named "*Future Rural Africa: Future-making and social-ecological transformation*" together with the University of Bonn. The pre-application passed the first review session in October 2016 with excellent marks and has been subsequently developed further. Furthermore, PIs of the GSSC were involved as co-applicants in the application processes for two BMBF-funded Marie Sibylla Merian Centers, one in Africa (together with University of Bayreuth,

University of Witwatersrand, University of Nairobi and others) and one in Latin America (with Freie Universität Berlin and Universidade de São Paulo, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina, and El Colegio de México, amongst others). The application for the latter was approved in 2016.

Academically, many PIs as well as the head office started preparations for the GSSC's upcoming conference, *"The Global South on the Move: Transforming Capitalism, Knowledge and Ecologies"*, which will be hosted by the center from 7th-9th June 2017.

The center reaped the fruits of its labour in the form of individual and joint publications resulting from workshops and conferences hosted by the GSSC. Examples are a co-edited book published by PIs of Research Area "Migration and Labour" on Bonded Labour. Global and Comparative Perspectives (18th-21st Century), resulting from a 2014 workshop. Further examples are a journal special issue on Socio-Economic Networks and Value Chains in the Global South as a direct result of a panel of the GSSC's 2015 conference, and an edited volume on Marx und der Globale Süden, resulting from a GSSC workshop in 2015.<sup>2</sup>

## VOICES RE-LAUNCH, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND THE DAAD-NETWORK

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In the second half of 2016, the GSSC online-journal Voices from Around the World has been re-designed and re-launched (<http://voices.uni-koeln.de/>). The journal, which is edited by the Postdocs at the GSSC, comprised five issues by the end of 2016. It presents its analyses and interventions into pressing global questions that transgress traditional academic-style writing, now with an accessible and visually appealing new layout.

Much effort also went into other media related to the GSSC public relations. The GSSC Facebook site, for example, had more than 2,100 followers by the end of 2016 and has proven as a very successful platform to promote events hosted by the GSSC and collaborating institutions, particularly the center's Focus Global South events. A weekly newsletter was developed to announce GSSC activities, which had more than 300 subscribers by the end of 2016. A new bibliographic tool has been added to the GSSC website, which presents the publications by the center's PIs and allows searching and exporting into most of the common reference software programs. Furthermore, a blog was installed on the GSSC website, with a link to it on the homepage, to discuss the role of anthropology in society. The blog, which is authored in German, is a reaction to very generalized allegations against anthropologists as uncritically promoting cultural-relativist perspectives, which were made in a journal article in a leading German newspaper.





For the DAAD-funded thematic network "Remapping the Global South", 2016 was a very busy year. Three field schools as well as one block course were conducted. The field schools were scheduled for 14 days each. Their topics varied from urban planning dynamics of the Tempelhofer Feld, Berlin (including 17 students from Cologne, Delhi and Cape Town) and Natural and Cultural Heritage in Delhi (including 17 students from Cologne and Delhi) to the impact of multinational enterprises on value chains in Guangzhou (including 20 students from Cologne and Guangzhou). The block course involved 12 students from Cologne, Delhi, and Guangzhou and included research on transformations in the Cologne/Ruhr Area.

## ACTIVITIES

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### COOPERATIONS

With 24 Public Lectures, 15 workshops, and 8 Focus Global South events the GSSC continued to broaden its public presence. Bonds with the University of Cologne's Competence Area IV (CA IV) Societies and Cultures in Transition also remained strong, and CA IV acted as partner institution in several events. Joint activities were further organized with Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, Heinrich-Barth-Institut e.V., der Heinrich Barth Gesellschaft, CAT Cologne & Stimmen Afrikas, Allerweltshaus Köln, Thyssen Stiftung, Referat für Gender & Diversity Management (UoC), International Office (UoC), Weitblick e.V. Köln, Zentrum für LehrerInnenbildung (ZfL) (UoC), Kompetenznetz Lateinamerika, Abteilung für Iberische und Lateinamerikanische Geschichte, and Romanisches Seminar (UoC).

### PUBLIC LECTURES

Our Public lecture series is usually hosted by the Internationales Kolleg Morphomata and has an average audience of 25 persons. Each lecture is followed by a social gathering in the Morphomata lounge, which serves as an important occasion for meetings and discussions between the PIs of the GSSC and external visitors.

### FOCUS GLOBAL SOUTH

The Focus Global South activities, which have a strong emphasis on public outreach, have proven a successful interface between the university and the wider public. These events, which are not restricted to lectures or plenary discussions, are preferably organized in locations outside the university. Amongst these events were a round table on educational and study opportunities after refuge, and a book presentation with Anna Seghers Prize winner Yuri Herrera.

### WORKSHOPS

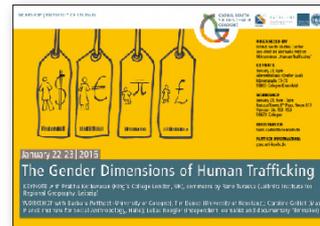
The 15 workshops (co-) organized by the GSSC display the broad range of topics represented by the PIs of the GSSC and their thematic working groups, and brought together a large number of scholars from the University of Cologne and abroad.

# PUBLIC LECTURES WORKSHOPS

# & OTHER EVENTS



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## WORKSHOPS

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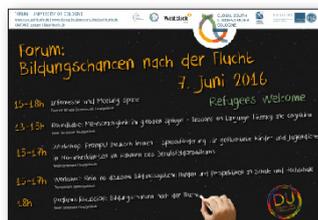
## FOCUS GLOBAL SOUTH

8 public events related to current affairs outside academia



## PUBLIC LECTURE

24 public lectures with an average audience of 25



## JOINT ACTIVITIES

with: CA IV (UoC), Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, Heinrich-Barth-Institut e.V., der Heinrich Barth Gesellschaft, CAT Cologne & Stimmen Afrikas, Allerweltshaus Köln, Thyssen Stiftung, Referat für Gender & Diversity Management (UoC), International Office (UoC), Weitblick e.V. Köln, Zentrum für LehrerInnenbildung (ZfL)(UoC), Kompetenznetz Lateinamerika, Abteilung für Iberische und Lateinamerikanische Geschichte, and Romanisches Seminar (UoC), JournAfrica!



## OTHER EVENTS

Exhibition (ARTivism)  
Summer School (Dividing the World)

# LIST OF ACTIVITIES

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## PUBLIC LECTURES

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| 13.01.2016 | Sandra Kurfürst (University of Cologne)<br><i>Urban Gardening in Southeast Asia: Pre-Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Ideas of Urbanism</i>   |
| 20.01.2016 | Valentina Mazzucato (Maastricht University)<br><i>When Parents Migrate and Children Stay: Children's Wellbeing in Transnational Families – a View from African Countries</i>                |
| 28.01.2016 | Eric Swyngedouw (University of Manchester)<br><i>Insurgent Urbanists: Post-Politicization and the Spectral Return of the Political</i>  |
| 13.04.2016 | Lesley Green (University of Cape Town)<br><i>Reclaiming Earth: Soil, Death and Birth in Southern African Ecologies</i>  |
| 20.04.2016 | Julia Tischler (University of Basel)<br><i>'Seek ye First the Kingdom of Mealties'. Ideologies, Policies and Practices of Agrarian Progress in South Africa's Rural Reserves, 1900-1945</i> |
| 27.04.2016 | Junko Maruyama (Tsuda College Tokyo)<br><i>Contemporary Dynamics of Social Relationships and Residential Practices Among the San Hunter-Gatherers in Central Kalahari</i>                   |
| 04.05.2016 | Denis Regnier (Université Libre de Bruxelles)<br><i>The Cultural Transmission of Social Essentialism: A View from Madagascar</i>  |
| 11.05.2016 | Alexander K. Adelaar (University of Melbourne)<br><i>The Settlement of Madagascar by Speakers of an Indonesian Language: Making Sense of Multidisciplinary Evidence</i>                     |
| 25.05.2016 | Noel B. Salazar (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)<br><i>The Age of Mobility... as a Distant Discourse or a Lived Experience</i>  |
| 31.05.2016 | Adam Jaworski (University Hong Kong)<br><i>Translating Chinese Tourists Abroad: Language, Culture and the De-Centering of Global Mobility</i>   |
| 08.06.2016 | Regina Grafe (European University Institute, Firenze)<br><i>Competition or Diversity? Rethinking European Expansion, 1450-1850</i>  |
| 15.06.2016 | Monica Juneja (Heidelberg University)<br><i>Multiple, Peripheral or Alternative? Modernism as a Global Process</i>  |
| 22.06.2016 | Duncan Brown (University of the Western Cape)<br><i>Indigeneity, Alienness and Cuisine: Are Trout South African?</i>  |
| 29.06.2016 | Bram Buscher (Wageningen University)<br><i>Crisis Conservation: Resource Extraction, Wildlife Crime and the Violent Frontiers of Saving Nature</i>  |

## PUBLIC LECTURES

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- 06.07.2016 Julio Ortega (Brown University)  
*The Transatlantic Paradigm: Elements of a Global Cultural History*
- 13.07.2016 Surrinder Aggarwal (Delhi University)  
*Urban Transition and Emerging Health Challenges in the Global South: Indian Experience*
- 20.07.2016 Jürgen Oßenbrügge (Universität Hamburg)  
*Politische Geographie und Geopolitik der Ressourcenkonflikte*
- 04.10.2016 Li Zhang (University of California, Davis)  
*Cultivating a Therapeutic Self in a Globalizing China*
- 19.10.2016 Peter Finke (University of Zurich)  
*Moving Beyond Post-Socialist Trajectories: Flexibility and Adaptability Among Pastoralists in Western Mongolia*
- 02.11.2016 Nina Schneider (GSSC, University of Cologne)  
*The Struggle Against (Migrant) Child Labour in Historical Perspective, New York City, 1890-1930*
- 09.11.2016 David M. Anderson (University of Warwick)  
*The Rise of Africa's New Authoritarians: Securitization and Development Since 1990*
- 15.11.2016 Samuel Owuor (University of Nairobi)  
*Urbanization and Food Security in Nairobi, Kenya*
- 23.11.2016 Santiago Vaquera-Vásquez (University of New Mexico)  
*Spectres on the Border: The Unbearable Lightness of Being Fronterizo*
- 14.12.2016 Ludger Pries (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)  
*The Triangle of Development, Migration and Organised Violence in the Americas*

## WORKSHOPS

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- 18.01.2016 *Anthropology, Infrastructures and the 'Deep Politics' of Globalization*  
PI: Susanne Brandtstädter
- 22.-23.01.2016 *The Gender Dimensions of Human Trafficking*  
PI: Michaela Pelican
- 29.01.2016 *(Urban) Political Ecology – Reviewing the Linkages in the Debates for the Global South and North*  
PI: Alexander Follmann, Clemens Greiner
- 07.-08.04.2016 *Communities of Practice*  
GSSC Research Area 3: Communicative Repertoires
- 22.04.2016 *The 50th Anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: Legacies and Continuities* 文革五十周年 (Roundtable)  
PI: Felix Wemheuer

- 02.05.2016 *Commoditizing the 'Wild'. Natural Resource Extraction and Ecological Anxieties*  
PI: Michael Bollig, Stefanie Gänger
- 30.05.2016 *Entanglements, Emblematic Codes and Linguaging in Tourism*  
PI: Anne Storch
- 20.-21.06.2016 *Conceptual (Re)Locations of the 'Global South'*  
PI: Sinah Kloß in cooperation with Competence Area IV
- 30.06.-01.01.2016 *Urban Health in the Global South*  
PI: Frauke Kraas, Carsten Butsch in cooperation with Surrinder Aggarwal
- 23.-24.08.2016 *Anthropology of and for River Deltas*  
*DELTA: Volatile Waters and the Hydrosocial Anthropocene in Major River Deltas in cooperation with GSSC*
- 13.10.2016 *Research on South(east) Asian Cities: Infrastructures, Livelihoods and Risks*  
PI: Sandra Kurfürst in cooperation with Tamaki Endo (Saitama University)
- 05.11.2016 *Maritime Disputes in the South China Sea*  
PI: Björn Ahl
- 16.11.2016 *The Urban Fringe Transforming: Peri-Urban Dynamics & Agricultural Transformations*  
PI: Frauke Kraas, Peter Dannenberg, Carsten Butsch & Alexander Follmann
- 20.-27.11.2016 *Mexiko-Woche: Migration und kulturelle Identität in Mexiko in Vergangenheit und Gegenwart*  
Abteilung für Iberische und Lateinamerikanische Geschichte, Romanisches Seminar & GSSC,  
University of Cologne in cooperation with Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum & the Mexican  
Embassy

## FOCUS GLOBAL SOUTH

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- 25.04.2016 *Afrika in den deutschen Medien – Warum es eine differenzierte Afrika-Berichterstattung braucht*  
in cooperation with JournAfrica!
- 07.06.2016 *Forum: Bildungschancen nach der Flucht*  
in cooperation with Referat für Gender & Diversity Management, International Office, Weitblick e.V.  
Köln, Zentrum für LehrerInnenbildung (ZfL)
- 09.06.2016 *Hoffnung am Kap der Guten Hoffnung*  
Ein Vortrag von Denis Goldberg, Aktivist und Zeitzeuge des Anti-Apartheid-Kampfs in Südafrika
- 15.07.2016 *Marx und der globale Süden - Buchvorstellung und Diskussion*  
PI: Felix Wemheuer
- 18.07.2016 *Brasilien in der Krise: Hintergründe und Szenarien*  
in cooperation with Kompetenznetz Lateinamerika

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- 22.11.2016 *México o el fin del mundo: una discusión con Yuri Herrera*  
in cooperation with Abteilung für Iberische und Lateinamerikanische Geschichte and Romanisches Seminar University of Cologne
- 08.12.2016 Dancehall und Homophobie: Postkoloniale Perspektiven auf die Geschichte und Kultur Jamaikas  
with Dr. Patrick Helber
- 22.12.2016 *Zimbabwe and the People's Fight for Justice*  
in cooperation with Café Chaos

## MEETINGS OF THE GSSC EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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2.2.2016; 11.04.2016; 13.06.2016; 27.09.2016; 14.11.2016; 07.12.2016

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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03.02.2016 and 07.12.2016

## OTHER EVENTS

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- 09.-10.04.2016 *African Artivism – Kunst als politische Aktion*  
in cooperation with Competence Area IV, Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, Heinrich-Barth-Institut e.V., der Heinrich Barth Gesellschaft, CAT Cologne & Stimmen Afrikas, Allerweltshaus Köln

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