



CAS-E

Alternative Rationalities and
Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective

Center for Advanced Studies Erlangen

Inaugural Conference Program

08.12.2022 – 10.12.2022

08.12. 16:00 – 20:00 at the Orangerie

09.12. 9:00 – 16:30 at Villa Jordan

10.12. 9:30 – 13:00 at Villa Jordan

For participation in the reception and keynote on December 8, 2022, at the Orangerie, please contact jessie.cabrera.roque@fau.de by December 1, 2022



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08.12.2022 at the Orangerie

Gathering reception with drinks and music with Ms Hildegard Pohl at the piano

16:00 – 16:30

Welcome greetings

16:30 – 17:30

- Prof. Hans-Peter Steinrück, Chair of Physical Chemistry II, and Liaison Professor of DFG, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Markus Blume, Bavarian State Minister for Science and Art
- Prof. Rainer Trinczek, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Musical intermezzo

Introduction to CAS-E

- Prof. Michael Lackner, CAS-E Director, Senior Professor, Chair of Chinese Studies, Department of Middle Eastern and Far Eastern Languages and Cultures, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Prof. Andreas Nehring, CAS-E Director, Chair of Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Prof. Dominik Müller, CAS-E Director, Chair of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Institute of Sociology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
- PD Dr. habil. Bernd-Christian Otto, CAS-E Research Coordinator

Intermezzo with music and drinks

17:30 – 18:00

Keynote address

18:00 – 19:00

- **Prof. Jeffrey J. Kripal**, Associate Dean of the Humanities, J. Newton Rayzor, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Thought, Rice University
"Archives of the Impossible: The Further Reaches of the Imagination"

Reception with music, buffet and drinks

From 19:00 onwards

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Convene over coffee

9:30 – 10:00

Panels and discussions

10:00 – 12:00

"Crossovers"

- Chair: Dr. Lina Aschenbrenner, CAS-E Research Coordinator
- **"Capitalist Entrepreneurs, Divinators and a Funeral: Conflict Solution in an East Indonesian Village Community"**
Prof. Karl-Heinz Kohl, Professor Emeritus of Ethnology at Frankfurt Goethe University and former director of the Frobenius institute for Research in Cultural Anthropology in Germany
- **"Supernatural Healing in Post-Pandemic Times: Javanese Practitioners' Repositionings"**
Prof. Judith Schlehe, Professor Emerita, Institute for Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Freiburg
- Discussant: Prof. Dominik Müller, CAS-E Director, Chair of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Institute of Sociology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Lunch

12:00 – 13:00

13:00 – 15:00

"Configurations"

- Chair: PD Dr. habil. Bernd-Christian Otto, CAS-E Research Coordinator
- **"Contested Images in the East-West Exchange: Siebold's Nippon and Japanese Popular Depictions of Gods"**
Prof. Mareile Flitsch Institute for Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich and Tomoë I.M. Steineck, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zürich
- **"The Power of Transgression in Esoteric and Artistic Practices"**
Prof. Marco Pasi, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for the History of Hermetic Philosophy, University of Amsterdam
- Discussant: Prof. Andreas Nehring, CAS-E Director, Chair of Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg



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Short break

15:00 – 15:30

15:30 – 17:30

"Revampings"

- Chair: Dr. Raquel Romberg, CAS-E Research Coordinator
- **"Uncanny Returns"**
Prof. Jean Comaroff, Alfred North Whitehead Professor of African and African American Studies and of Anthropology, and Oppenheimer Research Fellow, Harvard University
- **"Learning from the Gods in Late Imperial China"**
Prof. Vincent Goossaert, Research Professor of Daoism and Chinese Religion, Department of Religious Studies, École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE, PSL)
- Discussant: Prof. Michael Lackner, CAS-E Director, Senior Professor, Chair of Chinese Studies, Department of Middle Eastern and Far Eastern Languages and Cultures, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Dinner

From 19:00 onwards

10.12.2022 at Villa Jordan

Convene over coffee

9:30 – 10:00

Roundtable: CAS-E Today and Plans for the Future

10:00 – 11:00

- The Advisory Board Members, CAS-E Directors and Research Coordinators

Q & A

11:00 – 12:00

Farewell lunch

From 12:00 onwards

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