

**Betreff:** Newsletter CAS-E

Dear Friends of CAS-E,

Our interdisciplinary and international research center is now in its second year of existence. Since our inaugural conference last December, many exciting activities have taken place and many more are planned for this year and the years to come.

This year we have held our weekly lecture series and colloquia in conjunction with our ten international fellows (<https://cas-e.de/position/fellows/>). They have been actively working on their projects and initiating new ones in line with our Center's mission. Some of them have been very successful in securing new positions following their time at CAS-E. We are congratulating them and encourage you to look out for them and their work in the future as well.

Our team has begun planning CAS-E's first anthology, which will include our Advisory Board members' contributions at the inaugural conference. Team members and fellows are also working on tandem papers for another edited volume where they are bringing together materials and findings from their different projects around the world and experimenting with comparative methods in order to develop further the core ideas of the Center's mission.

Other recent news: This semester, Prof. Paul Stoller and Prof. Kelly Hayes have joined us as permanent fellows and will be with us for several months in the coming years. Prof. Stoller is also leading one of his famous workshops in ethnographic writing for our fellows. In May, Prof. Robert Desjarlais joined us for two days from Berlin, where he has been awarded a Humboldt Research Fellowship. He gave a unique lecture tying together the threads of his various research projects and conducted a dialog workshop with our fellows about each research project.

Planned events:

On June 15, we have planned an extraordinary lecture by Prof. Thomas Csordas, who will be in Germany at that time. We invite you to join the lecture by the title "To Think Like an Exorcist: The Somatic Semiotics of Demonic Diagnostics" either in person or via Zoom. You will find all the information for this event, including an abstract of the planned lecture and the Zoom link, on our website: <https://cas-e.de/2023/05/30/june-15th-2023-prof-thomas-j-csordas-to-think-like-an-exorcist-the-somatic-semiotics-of-demonic-diagnostics/>

Of course, our regular lecture series is still ongoing and we are always happy to welcome you to these exciting presentations by scholars from our center and by invited guests. The program for this semester and the link to join us on Zoom are to be found here: <https://cas-e.de/2023/03/21/cas-e-lecture-series-summer-semester-2023/>

Also check out the essay articles by the speakers of our lecture series on the CAS-E blog: <https://cas-e.de/blog/latest-blog-posts/>

We are currently planning and organizing our second annual conference in November 2023 which will be by invitation only. The theme is going to be "The Politics of Authenticity in

Esoteric Practices.” We were able to invite brilliant scholars from a wide range of fields and research areas and we’re already very excited for the presentations and discussions during the conference. Of course, we will also prepare another anthology with all the contributions.

You can follow all details about our activities and current events on our website (<https://cas-e.de/>).

With best wishes from the whole CAS-E team,  
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