

Betreff: CAS-E Newsletter, October 2023

Dear friends and colleagues,

Here in Erlangen at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences *Alternative Rationalities and Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective* we are about to start a new semester of joint research with excellent scholars from all over the world and many exciting events.

Upcoming Events:

We want to invite you to look at the exciting program we have designed for the upcoming months here at CAS-E:

1. *Lecture Series*

Our lecture series enters its third round, beginning on October 17, 2023 with CAS-E Director Prof. Dr. Andreas Nehring, who will speak on "Alternative Rationalities and the Reinvention of Tradition: Vedic Science and the Agnihotra Fire Ritual."

Attendance is possible in presence as well as online and we are looking forward to seeing you there and discussing with you. The Zoom link for the recurring event remains the same: <https://fau.zoom.us/j/63672581746>

For the full program, please visit our website: <https://cas-e.de/2023/09/04/lecture-series-winter-semester-2023-24/>

For last semester's lectures you can take a look at our blog where we have short articles from each speaker: <https://cas-e.de/blog/blog-archive/>

We will continue this tradition for upcoming lectures. So be sure to check the CAS-E blog for upcoming articles.

2. *Annual Conference*

In addition, I would like to call your attention to our second annual conference on "The Politics of Authenticity in Esoteric Practices." It will be held at the Waischenfeld Research Campus, November 15-17, 2023. Spaces for physical attendance are already filled, but you can also attend via Zoom if you are interested. We are very proud of the diverse group of outstanding scholars we have been able to invite to this conference. You can view the full program here: <https://cas-e.de/2023/08/23/cas-e-international-conference-the-politics-of-authenticity-in-esoteric-practices-15-17-november/>

We will keep you updated on additional events in the coming months which will also be announced on our website.

Fellows:

Academic and social life at CAS-E is greatly influenced by our international fellows, who are at the core of our commitment to a comparative, interdisciplinary, and international approach to research.

In July and August, 2023, with the end of the summer semester, we had to say goodbye to our first cohort of fellows, some of whom go on to exciting new positions in academia:<https://cas-e.de/position/alumni/>

We are very grateful for all the fruitful, productive, and inspiring discussions with them, for their expertise and excellent research which they generously shared with us, and, of course, for all the good times we had together. We wish them all the best of luck and success in their future endeavors and look forward to any opportunity for a reunion!

With the new semester, we are fortunate to welcome our new visiting fellows. We are proud to introduce this group of scholars who will surely enrich CAS-E's research immensely in the coming months:

Dr. Monika Hirmer (October, 2023 – July, 2024; Area: South Asia/Europe)

Project title: Śrīvidyā Goes West: Continuities and Transformations in Cross-Cultural Encounters

Dr. Julia Gyimesi (October, 2023 – March, 2024; Area: Europe)

Project title: Family Constellation Therapy in the Context of Esotericism

Dr. Juan Rivera (October, 2023 – March, 2024; Area: Latin America)

Project title: On the Possibility of Esoteric Practices in the Amerindian Andes: The Perspective of Witches and a Ritual Song to Heal and Dance

Dr. Ilia Mozas (October, 2023 – February, 2024; Area: China)

Project title: The Shades of Emptiness: The Alchemical Teaching of the Master Wei Yao 魏堯

Dr. Cecilia Bastos (November, 2023 – February, 2024; Area: Latin America)

Project title: Identity, body and emotion among yoga and meditation practitioners in Brazil

Dr. Daniel Rutkin (October, 2023 – July, 2024)

Project Title: volume II of the three volume monograph: "Sapientia Astrologica: Astrology, Magic and Natural Knowledge, ca. 1250-1800", which is entitled: "Renaissance Structures (1450-1500): Continuities and Transformations."

More about them and their research coming soon in the lecture series and on our website.

Our next call for visiting fellows will be published in April, 2024 and announced in this newsletter as well.

Thank you for your interest in CAS-E and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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