



**CAS-E**

Alternative Rationalities and  
Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective

# LECTURE SERIES

## WINTER SEMESTER 2025/26

**Tuesdays | 6.15–7.45 pm**

Seminar room, Hartmannstr. 14, Building D1, Erlangen

**Link for virtual attendance:** <https://fau.zoom-x.de/j/62556506187>



<b>OCTOBER 10, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Philine Lewek</b> Esotericism and Christianity within the New Right in Germany and Austria	<b>DECEMBER 02, 2025</b>	<b>Prof. Jens Schlieter</b> Panpsychism and the Power of the Mind: Esoteric Views of Consciousness and Reality in Mahāyāna Buddhism and the West
<b>OCTOBER 21, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Ezster Spät</b> Frauds, Subaltern Rebels, or Sources of Batinî Knowledge: Yezidi Seers in Post-Saddam Iraq	<b>DECEMBER 09, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Mike Cifone</b> Elusive Remainder: Jacques Vallée and the UFO Enigma
<b>OCTOBER 28, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Jeremy Stollow</b> Picturing Aura: A Visual Biography	<b>DECEMBER 16, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Dominique Hertzner</b> The Book of Changes (Yijing) in Chinese Medicine: Exploring "Pluralist Rationalities" of Divination and Chinese Medicine
<b>NOVEMBER 04, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Knut Graw</b> Ritual Praxis Inside Out: Tracing Emic-etic continuities in Mandinka divination	<b>JANUARY 13, 2026</b>	<b>Prof. Birgit Menzel</b> Healing in Soviet-American New Age Diplomacy: A TTouch Method
<b>NOVEMBER 11, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Nestor Manichkin</b> Collective Memory and the Tradition of Sacred Pilgrimages in the Shamanic Environment of Modern Kyrgyzstan	<b>JANUARY 20, 2026</b>	<b>Prof. Carole Cusack</b> Bodily Sensation and Esoteric Transformation: Praxis in the Gurdjieff Work
<b>NOVEMBER 18, 2025</b>	<b>Prof. Robert André Lafleur</b> Mountains of Discourse: History, Ethnography, and the Cosmology of China's Sacred Mountains	<b>JANUARY 27, 2026</b>	<b>Dr. Jessica Albrecht (FAU, CAS-E Associated Researcher)</b>  "Buddhist Psychology as Esoteric Activism"
<b>NOVEMBER 25, 2025</b>	<b>Dr. Alexander Stark</b> Numbers and Healing: Exploring the Minangkabau Traditional Medical System	<b>JANUARY 27, 2026</b>	<b>Paul Johnson</b> Art, Presence, Sacrifice: The Death and Rebirth of the Cleveland "Thinker"
		<b>FEBRUARY 03, 2026</b>	<b>Dr. Monika Hirmer</b> Kuṇḍalinī in Cross-Cultural Context: Transmissions from South Asia to the West



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