Information for Researchers at the University of Cologne

If you are a researcher at the University of Cologne and work on issues relevant to the Global South:

CA IV provides a platform to enhance cooperation within the university and beyond. Contact Prof. Dr. Thomas Widlok, the speaker of the Competence Area IV.

If you are a member of the Global South Studies Center or if you want to intensify cooperation between the GSSC and the wider Competence Area IV:

CA IV provides logistic and financial support for academic events such as conferences, workshops and lectures in order to link research topics of the GSSC with related activities elsewhere. Contact Dr. Meike Meerpohl, the coordinator of the Competence Area IV.

If you are a student of the University of Cologne or a researcher from another institution:

CA IV regularly publishes details about upcoming events on its website. Consult www.transition.uni-koeln.de

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The thematic field “Social-Economic, Cultural and Political Transformation of the Global South” is part of the University of Cologne’s overall institutional strategy. It consists of the “Global South Studies Center” (GSSC), founded in 2014, that forms its Key Profile Area and which is in turn embedded in the wider Competence Area “Cultures and Societies in Transition” (CA IV).

The Competence Area IV “Cultures and Societies in Transition” creates links at a cross-faculty and interdisciplinary level to ensure the GSSC’s integration into the wider university. The office staff of the Competence Area IV facilitates the cooperation between members of the GSSC and other researchers at the university and with the wider public. The aim is to connect research activities of the GSSC with the Competence Area at large, both within the university and internationally.

More information on the Competence Area IV is available through our online film:

www.transition.uni-koeln.de/17289.html

The Competence Area IV links the Global South Studies Center with other researchers and institutions of the university.

Tasks of the Competence Area IV

The Competence Area IV supports and co-funds activities that fall within its thematic domain. These activities include conferences, workshops, panel discussions, public lectures, exhibitions, network meetings and seminars focusing on the Global South and on comparative area studies.

Examples of past events:
- Thematic workshops on “Urban Green”, “Religious Leadership” and “Understanding Trauma in Conflicts”
- Public Lectures on “Ethnic Boundaries”, “Authenticities and Nation Building” and “Politics of Distribution”
- Seminars on “Public Places” and “Language Ideologies”
- Panel discussions on current topics such as the conflicts surrounding raw materials in the South China Sea (“Troubled Waters”)
- Photo exhibitions such as “Baohan Street: An African Community in Guangzhou”

Activities