

Programme

Description

The workshop brings together experts, employers and stakeholders with students in the social sciences and humanities, which focus specifically on the interdisciplinary study of Europe in transregional perspective. What kind of knowledge, and competences do stakeholders outside of academia consider most relevant from their perspective? What do they expect from graduates of such programs? Which challenges do they consider as upcoming and pertinent in the near future, which future staff members will have to navigate?

Venue

Leipzig University, ReCentGlobe, Nikolaistrasse 6-10, 5th floor, Room 5.55 & online

Register here: <https://forms.gle/gCNMKkWyK5mqvRX68>

Friday, 19 December 2025

9:30 am – 10:15 am

Keynote: Europe as a global actor: Perspectives from the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in South Caucasus.

Jakob Wöllenstein (Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, Director Political Dialogue South Caucasus, Tbilisi)

10.15 am - 11.30 am

Roundtable:

Pia Lorenz (City of Leipzig, International Cooperation Unit, Leipzig), *Renata Rat* (German Embassy, Sarajevo), *Björn Reichel* (Europa-Haus Leipzig e. V., Leipzig), *Anke Stahl* (DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn), *Mona Stein* (European Commission, DG INTPA, Brussels), Moderation: *Steffi Marung* (Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig)

The guest lecture and roundtable was co-financed by the DAAD with funds from the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Lunch Break**

12.30 pm - 12.45 pm **Introduction into the World Cafés**

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

World Café „Finding Your Way through Academia: Pursuing a PhD in Global and Area Studies“

Martina Keilbach (Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig), *Steffi Marung* (Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig)

World Café „Identifying Challenges in the World of Business“

Anne Ausfelder (Giesecke+Devrient GmbH, Berlin), *Christian Hauke* (SMILE, Leipzig)

World Café „Managing International Relations: Politics, Academia, and Development“

Nat Ortolan Ervilha (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Eschborn), *Renata Rat* (German Embassy, Sarajevo), *Anke Stahl* (DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn)

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm **Coffee Break**

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

World Café „Shaping Media Landscapes and Advancing Civic Education“ *Björn Reichel* (Europa-Haus Leipzig e. V., Leipzig), *Daniel Sagradov* (Tagesspiegel, Berlin)

World Café „Exploring Global Issues: Think Tanks and Political Foundations“

Andreas Bock (European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) e.V., Berlin), *Johannes Hilling* (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin)

World Café: „Navigating the European Union: Multiple Scales and International Relations“

Carla Grund genannt Feist (European Commission, Berlin), *Mona Stein* (European Commission, DG INTPA, Brussels)

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm **Coffee Break**

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm **Presentation of Results and Concluding Discussion**

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actor: Which
competences do we
need in a world of crisis?**