

## Centres for German and European Studies



The DAAD currently funds twenty interdisciplinary Centres for German and European Studies at outstanding foreign universities in twelve countries with funding from the Federal Foreign Office. The centres train German and European experts and bring together science, politics and the public in their work with Germany and Europe.

In the [anniversary publication](#) [<https://www.daad.de/kataloge/zentren/jubilaeum/#31>], you will find further information about the programme as well as the individual profiles of the Centres for German and European Studies. The [CDEA](#) [[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/einleger\\_cdea\\_brasilien.pdf](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/einleger_cdea_brasilien.pdf)], our newest centre in Porto Alegre, Brazil, presents its profile as well.

## NEWS

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The next **DAAD-centre conference** will take place in Berlin from 9 to 12 December 2020.

Currently, the following networking activities are planned:

- From 3 to 12 July 2019 the HCGES will organize a **summer school on populism in Haifa**, Israel, together with the WBZ and LMU. [To the call \[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call\\_hcges\\_summer\\_school\\_2019.pdf\]](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call_hcges_summer_school_2019.pdf) (Deadline: 31 April 2019)
- From 7 to 14 September 2019 the CCEAE will organize a **trilingual international summer school on the subject of "La Ville / The City / Die Stadt" in Montréal**, Canada. [To the call \[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call\\_cceae\\_summer\\_school\\_september\\_2019.pdf\]](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call_cceae_summer_school_september_2019.pdf) (Deadline: 15 June 2019)
- From 30 September to 7 October 2019 the CDEA will organize together with the IES/CGES Berkeley an **International South School on "Migration in a Global World" in Porto Alegre**, Brazil. [To the call \[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call\\_cdea\\_international\\_south\\_school.pdf\]](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call_cdea_international_south_school.pdf) (Deadline: 27 July 2019)
- The next **doctoral conference** will take place in Israel from 8 to 13 December 2019 and is organized by HCGES and CGS Jerusalem. [To the call \[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call\\_doktorandenkonferenz\\_israel\\_dezember\\_2019.pdf\]](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/pdfs/call_doktorandenkonferenz_israel_dezember_2019.pdf) (Deadline: 15 July 2019)

## Background

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The first three centres were founded in 1990 as Centres of Excellence in the United States at the Universities of Berkeley, Harvard and Georgetown on the initiative of the then Federal Government in order to intensify German-American relations, in particular scientific cooperation. In the mid-nineties, the first centre in Europe was inaugurated in Birmingham, in the United Kingdom, with the Institute for German Studies. In the late 1990s, several centres followed in the east and midwestern US as well as in Canada. The move to another continent took place in 2000 with the opening of the centre at Tokyo University. In 2001, the CIERA in France, which coordinates a nationwide network, and the Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam were added. The Willy Brandt Centre in Wrocław (Breslau) followed a year later, which was the result of a call for tenders for an initiative of the then Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder to be implemented. At the St. Petersburg State University in Russia and at the Peking University in China, established bilateral university cooperations in individual subjects have been further developed into interdisciplinary centres with German project partners. Over the following years, two more centres were established in Israel, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at the University of Haifa. In addition to this, a centre was initiated at Chung Ang University in Seoul. Since 2016, the network has also been supplemented by a research centre at the University of Cambridge called the Research Hub for German Studies. The most recent centre, a collaborative project between the University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) and the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) was opened in 2017 and is

located in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The central element of the programme, in addition to the DAAD funding, is the involvement of the host universities, which is reflected in the Matching Funds principle, among other things.

In the Anglo-Saxon area (Canada, USA, Great Britain), in view of the comparatively strong presence of interdisciplinary German and European studies and a high potential of qualified applicants, a project-based funding programme has also been used as a successor to comprehensive centre funding. "Promoting German (and European) Studies" and the "German Studies Lectures" together with the Centre Programme within the framework of the Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy as well as the Foreign Science Policy of the Federal Republic of Germany are one of the cornerstones in the promotion of interdisciplinary research in Germany and Europe and teaching abroad.

## Programm objectives

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The aim of the programme is to train new generations of experts with sound German and European knowledge who shape the scientific and social discourse about Germany and Europe in the regions. Therefore, apart from research, teaching with markedly innovative master's and doctoral programmes at the centres also plays a key role.

Another important task is the public relations work: The centres should assume a lighthouse function by broadcasting to the region and the partner country - on the one hand as a "Reference Centre" for German and European Studies, but also through events and in the field of policy advice.

Key topics are post-war and contemporary Germany and European integration. The promotion of the German language is part of the concept, both implicitly and through specific language support measures. More interregional cooperation is to be established through intensified measures for centres to network with each other and with scientific institutions in Germany.

You can find information about the [funding concept \[https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/infos/en/38560-support-framework/\]](https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/infos/en/38560-support-framework/) here.

## Funded projects and partners involved

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## Network activity

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DAAD actively supports the creation of a network of centres by promoting various measures and initiatives.

An important part of networking is the regular interdisciplinary [centre conferences \[https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/zentrenkonferenzen/en/\]](https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/zentrenkonferenzen/en/).

An overview of further networking activities of the twenty current and former DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies can be found under [network activities \[https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/zentrenkonferenzen/en/\]](https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/deutsche-sprache/zentren/zentrenkonferenzen/en/).

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