

CeMIS NETWORK

CeMIS has established an excellent network, and is continually forming new partnerships with important research centres and universities in India. Among the institutions CeMIS currently cooperates with are:

- University of Delhi
- School of Social Sciences at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- University of Pune
- Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcuta, Kolkata
- National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
- Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
- The Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi
- Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi

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THE CENTRE FOR MODERN INDIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN (CeMIS)

India has been a central node in global circuits of cultural exchange and trade for hundreds of years, and has long engaged the attention of European scholars. Now home to nearly 1.3 billion people, India's importance in global politics, cultural production, and economic activity has increased exponentially over the past two decades. To analyse these profound changes, the University of Göttingen founded the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) in September 2009. With funding from the state of Lower Saxony, CeMIS has inaugurated a world-class programme of research and teaching focusing exclusively on this critical part of the globe.

CeMIS conducts cutting-edge research in the social sciences and humanities. Likewise, teaching focuses on the most significant contemporary socio-economic, political, and cultural developments on the subcontinent. While CeMIS' staff come from a wide range of disciplines, they share a thematic commitment to studying India's ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, and its myriad forms of social and political-economic inequality.

The centre's interdisciplinary breadth, thematic focus on difference and inequality in contemporary society, and vast range of intellectual and institutional resources, make CeMIS unique among Indian Studies centres not only in Germany, but indeed throughout Europe as a whole.

RESEARCH AT CeMIS

Research and teaching involve three university faculties, the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Economics. CeMIS has five core interdisciplinary research groups:

- Metamorphoses of the Political
- Religion
- Inequality and Diversity
- Labour and Capital in Modern India
- Media and Public Spheres

Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and junior and senior professors conduct individual as well as joint research, host visiting faculty, and hold conferences and workshops in conjunction with partner institutions. In addition, specialists in the social sciences, economics, Indology, and other humanities as well as geosciences at the University of Göttingen contribute to the activities of the research groups. CeMIS also builds upon the strengths of other research centres in Göttingen, including:

- The **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity**, an independent research centre with expertise in the areas of anthropology, sociology, and religious studies.
- The **Department of Human Geography**, which focuses on global change, urbanization, nutrition systems, and potentially conflicting interests in human-environment relations.
- The **Research Centre on Poverty, Equity and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries**, which focuses on the statistical and econometric analysis of the dynamics of income and non-income poverty and inequality.
- The **Institute for Indology and Tibetology**, which has a teaching tradition dating back to 1826.

TEACHING AT CeMIS

CeMIS offers innovative Bachelor and Master level study programmes. The close relationship between research and teaching enables our students to develop a salient knowledge of interdisciplinary approaches using current research questions and, as the case may be, to participate in student projects or as student assistants in ongoing projects. CeMIS offers a three-year German language BA in Modern Indian Studies, which is studied in conjunction with another major, and a two-year single major Master's degree in English. Both programmes offer a set of interdisciplinary courses taught by CeMIS researchers, international guest lecturers and by professors from the humanities and the social and economic sciences at the University of Göttingen.

CeMIS offers an exceptional opportunity for students wishing to pursue an academic career in research and teaching. In close collaboration with our faculty, students may complete PhD degrees within any of our research groups. PhD candidates at CeMIS typically conduct field work or archival research in South Asia, where they benefit from our well-developed connections with academic institutions and research centres in the region. Potential PhD candidates should consult the individual websites of the CeMIS research groups for detailed information on the projects currently being conducted.

Through these study programmes, bachelor, master and PhD graduates are uniquely qualified to work in Indian or transnational enterprises, on development projects, in administrative and other government agencies, in non-governmental organisations (NGOs), in the tourism and hospitality industries, as well as in media and communications.

