



Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus Regensburg

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**DIMAS | DEPARTMENT FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY
AND MULTISCALAR AREA STUDIES**

PRIZE: CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Department for Interdisciplinary
and Multiscalar Area Studies (DIMAS)
and Leibniz ScienceCampus
Europa and America in the Modern World
Prize for Outstanding Master's (or equivalent) Theses in Area Studies
at the University of Regensburg

Guidelines and Call for Entries | 9 August 2022

Up to three prizes (a first prize of 400 €, two equal second prizes of 200 € each) will be awarded in 2023 for final papers and theses submitted as part of **master's degrees, degrees in law or teaching degrees** (Masterarbeiten, Zulassungsarbeiten or Studienarbeiten – BA theses will not be considered). The prize, which was first awarded in 2020, recognizes **students'** outstanding academic achievements, while also promoting area studies as a focus of research and teaching at the University of Regensburg. The prizewinners will receive a certificate and the prize money. The prizewinning theses will be considered for publication in abridged form in the Leibniz ScienceCampus' blog-journal *Frictions* www.frictions.europeamerica.de.

Area Studies explores culture, language, politics, history, and environmental issues, as well as economic, social and legal systems and practices, in both various large-scale regions of the world and smaller-scale regions. The interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches employed in the field can be applied to the study of a single area or used to produce comparisons between spaces. North America, Latin America, and Eastern, Southeastern, Western and Southern Europe, as well as the relations between these regions, form the focus of area studies research and teaching at the University of Regensburg. We particularly encourage applications from students who have explored relations, transfers, entanglements and interconnections between different regions.

Applications are welcome from any students **who completed a teaching, law or master's degree** in relevant programs based in the Faculties of Law, Economics, Catholic Theology, Human Sciences (formerly PPS), Philosophy, Art History, History, and Humanities (PKGG), and Languages, Literature, and Cultures (SLK) in summer semester 2022, winter semester 2022/23 or summer semester 2023. The deadline for applications is 12 November 2023. Students can nominate themselves for the prize or be nominated by their thesis supervisor(s).



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The following documents in English or German should be submitted electronically – where possible as a single PDF – to the manager of DIMAS (Dr Paul Vickers, campus@europeamerica.de):

1. the final version of the thesis together with a one-page abstract;
2. the review or reviews of the thesis;
3. a statement demonstrating the outstanding qualities of the nominated thesis, including an **outline of the work's relevance for area studies (max. 1 page)**; this statement can be written by a thesis supervisor or, in the case of self-nomination, by the student themselves;
4. a grade transcript (including grades from a bachelor's degree, if applicable);
5. the nominated/applying student's CV.

The prize will be awarded during the 2023/24 winter semester as part of an event organized by DIMAS and the ScienceCampus. The applications will be assessed by a prize committee. The Prize Committee includes members of the Executive Boards of DIMAS and the ScienceCampus, as well as potentially further members of DIMAS and the ScienceCampus Steering Committee. The applications will be treated confidentially.

If none of the works submitted is judged prize-worthy, no prize will be awarded for 2022. Should there be fewer than three prize-worthy submissions, the Committee reserves the right to distribute the prize money differently than outlined above.

The prize is awarded from available funding without legal obligation. The prizewinner(s) must ensure that any award is **taxed accordingly**. **The Committee's decision is final**. **Legal recourse against the decision is not possible**. The German version of this call is the binding version.

For further information regarding the prize, please contact the manager of DIMAS and coordinator of the Leibniz ScienceCampus, Paul Vickers (email paul.vickers@ur.de, tel. 0941 943-5964).

www.ur.de/dimas/english

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