

In/ter/dependence
Transitions of Power, Frictions of Freedom



LSC Annual Conference 2026 | 17-19 June 2026 | Regensburg

Preliminary Programme (22.05.2026)

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Wednesday, 17 June 2026 | H24 Universität Regensburg

16:00-16:30 Registration – including coffee and snacks

16:30-17:00 Welcome Addresses

President of the University of Regensburg – **Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel**

LSC Speaker, IOS Director and Conference Co-Organizer – **Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer**

Co-Organizers: **Dr. Birgit Hebel-Bauridl, Dr. Carmen Dextl, Dr. Paul Vickers**

Chair: Carmen

Keynote Lecture 1 | 17:00-18:15

Mita Banerjee (Mainz) | Successful Aging? Looking at America at 250 through the Gated Retirement Community “The Villages,” Florida

Chair: **Carmen Dextl**

Short Break

18:30-19:45 | Roundtable: The (In)Dependence of Knowledge? Academic Freedom Today

Chair: **Ben Chappell** (Kansas)

- **Marie Beyrich** (UR)
- **Ulf Brunnbauer** (UR/ IOS)
- **Marika Janzen** (Kansas)
- **Marta Vicente** (Kansas)
- **Livia de Souza Lima** (UR)

Reception

Thursday, 18 June 2026 | 319 Altes Finanzamt

Panel 1 | 09:30-10:30 | [Global Echoes of US Independence](#)

Bruno Santos Cunha (Recife) | The American Revolution in the South Atlantic: Echoes of the American Revolution in Brazilian Constitutional thought (1776-1891)

Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra (Jacksonville) | The American and the Indian Experiences in Independence: Drawing Parallels

Chair: **Alexandra Rahr** (Toronto)

Coffee Break

Panel 2 | 11:00-12:30 | [Institutionalizing Independence and Interdependence](#)

Bharti Chhibber (Delhi) | Negotiating Freedom: Women's Movements and Gendered Agency in Postcolonial India

Keith Brown (Arizona State U) | Civic horizons: Citizen-diplomacy and Transnational Mutuality in an Age of Great Power Rivalries

Kamil Kowalski (Lodz) | Interdependence Codified: Labour Law and the Institutionalization of Capital-Labour Relations in Industrial America (1865-1948)

Chair: TBA

Lunch

Panel 3 | 13:30-15:00 | [Dependence and Independence: Gender, Whiteness, and Power in the U.S.](#)

Mary Cathryn Cain (Georgia, USA) | "I Hate to Be Dependent": Women, Whiteness and the Legacy of the American Revolution

Nicole Mayberry (Arizona State U) | When the Map is Denied: White Nationalist Backlash and the Re-Cartography of Subordination

Irina Rabinovich (Tel Aviv) | 'For the Greater Good': Gendered Dependence and State Power in the American Eugenics Movement

Chair: TBA

Panel 4 | 15:30-16:30 | [Contested Self-Determination in the Twilight of Empire](#)

Jeffrey Veidlinger (Ann Arbor) | Autoemancipation and Self-Determination: Jewish Autonomy and National Sovereignty in the Twilight of Empire, 1903-1919

Lida-Marie Dodou (Yale) | Whose Independence? Class, Ethnicity, and Competing Visions for Salonika's Future, 1912-1913

Chair: TBA

Coffee Break

Keynote Lecture 2 | 17:00-18:30

Amrita Chakrabarti Myers (Indiana) | “Dangerous Characters”: Black Women, Constructions of Freedom, and White Violence in the Post-Civil War South

Chair: **Birgit Hebel-Bauridl**

19:30 Dinner – self-pay

Friday, 19 June | 319 Altes Finanzamt

Panel 5 | 9:30-10:30 | Energy, Sovereignty, and Interdependencies

Silvia Gerlsbeck (Kaiserslautern-Landau) | Infrastructures of In/Dependence: Petro-Modernity and Postcolonial Sovereignty in Contemporary Trinidadian Fiction

Cornelia Sahling (Trento) | The Geoeconomics of Nuclear Dependence: Energy Politics and Power Consolidation in Belarus

Chair: TBA

Coffee break

Panel 6 | 11:00-12:00 | Seeking Independence, Claiming Statehood

Robert Austin (Toronto) | What Makes a Para-State a State?

Rahim Rahimov (Baku) | Solidarity for independence but without interdependence? A strategic friction in different temporal and spatial contexts

Chair: TBA

Lunch

Panel 7 | 13:00-14:30 | Frictions of Freedom and Projections of Power

Philip Egbule (Abuja) | Justifying Protection beyond Borders: In/dependence, Interdependence, and U.S. Policy Responses to Alleged Anti-Christian Violence in Nigeria

Avan Fata (London) | Imperialism by Other Means? Anglo-American Strategy and the Establishment of the United Nations Trusteeship Council

Olena Romanova (Kyiv) | Temporary Europeans: The paradox of conditional freedom in an era of military turbulence

Chair: **Claudia Sadowski-Smith** (Arizona)

14:30-14:45 Concluding Discussion

Ulf Brunnbauer, Carmen Dexl, Birgit Hebel-Bauridl, Paul Vickers