



CAS^{LMU} RESEARCH FOCUS
SCALES



Measuring the Past

Scales in the Humanities

June 18th & 19th 2026

organized by Sina Steglich (LMU) & Carlos Spoerhase (LMU)

Program

Thursday, June 18th 2026

10:00 Welcome and Coffee

10:30 **Carlos Spoerhase (LMU) & Sina Steglich (LMU):**

Scaling. From a Methodological Challenge to a Research Program

Comments: Ethan Kleinberg (Middletown), Francesca Trivellato (Princeton)

Section I: Social and Digital Scales

11.30 **Pierre-Héli Monot (LMU):**

Safety in Numbers: Scalable Publics and the Politics of Common Knowledge

Comment: Susanne Quitmann (Munich)

12:15 **Florentina Armaselu (Luxembourg)**

Scalable Knowledge Spaces: A Study of the Generality-Specificity Continuum in Global, Macro and Micro History Texts

Comment: Marek Tamm (Tallinn)

01:00 Lunch Break

Section II: Global and Planetary Scales

- 02:30 **Achim Landwehr** (Constance)

Standing Next to Giants. Scales in the Vastness of Patagonia and the Ambiguity of the Void

Comment: Buket Altinoba (LMU)
- 03.15 **Roland Wenzlhuemer** (LMU)

Scales, Context, Fragments. An Essay

Comment: Helge Jordheim (Oslo)
- 04.00 Coffee Break

Section III: Materiality and Temporality of (Natural) Scales

- 04:30 **Susanne Quitmann** (Munich)

Measuring Time. The Development of Tree-Ring Chronologies in the Early 20th Century

Comment: Lutz Koepnick (Nashville)
- 05.15 **Lisa Regazzoni** (Bielefeld)

Out of Scale – Entangled in Scaling: From a Mechanistic to New Materialist Understandings of Historical Phenomena

Comment: Roland Wenzlhuemer (LMU)
- 06.00 Refreshments
- 07.00 **Public Keynote**

Robert E. Norton (Notre Dame)

Die „Maßstabsidee“ und ihre Probleme: Ernst Troeltsch zwischen Absolutheit und Relativismus

[The “Idea of Scale” and its Problems: Ernst Troeltsch between Holism and Relativism]
- 08.30 Dinner at *Weinbauer* (Fendstrasse 5)

Friday, June 19th 2026

Section IV: Scales in Arts and Aesthetics

09:30 **Buket Altinoba** (LMU) & **Ursula Ströbele** (Brunswick)

Scaling the Sculptural: Reproducibility and the Aesthetics of Scale from Mechanical to Digital Media

Comment: Achim Landwehr (Constance)

10.15 **Lutz Koepnick** (Nashville)

The Planetary Scales of Contemporary Art

Comment: Lisa Regazzoni (Bielefeld)

11.00 Coffee Break

Section V: Seeing Scales

11.30 **Helge Jordheim** (Oslo)

The Human Scale. From Cubit to Qubit

Comment: Florentina Armaselu (Luxembourg)

12.15 **Marek Tamm** (Tallinn)

What Can We "See" in the Past? Scale, Perspective, and Historical Understanding

Comment: Pierre-Héli Monot (LMU)

01.00 Lunch Break

02.00 **Ethan Kleinberg** (Middletown)

Closing Remarks

followed by General Discussion & Outlook/Timeline for Publication of Theme Issue

03.30 End of Workshop