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2026



CAS **LMU**

Center for Advanced Studies

Termine

April 2026

15. April 2026, 19 Uhr

Kunst am CAS – Vernissage

**Olaf Probst – KATASTROPHÄE IX
+ his stoeryies**

Einführung: Prof. Dr. Juliane Prade-Weiss (Komparatistik, LMU)

16. April 2026

Modernisierung mit KI. Funktioniert das?

Interner Workshop mit Lars Zimmermann (QuantCo).

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Prof. Dr. **Christof Rapp** (LMU)

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Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, Raum A 140

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omegalphabet – eine Fortschreibung von Olaf Probst

Mai 2026

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LMU AI: Incubator for Startups

Workshop organized by Dr. Philipp Baaske,
Prof. Dr. Susanna Hofmann, Prof. Dr. Gitta Kutyniok, and
Prof. Dr. Jelena Spanjol (LMU).

6. Mai 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

PD Dr. **Charlotte Schreiter** (LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn)

Messen – Rekonstruieren – Verkleinern.

Archäologische Modelle in Museen

Moderation: Dr. Buket Altinoba (LMU)

11. Mai 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Dr. **Sabrina Artinger** (Bundesministerium für Digitales
und Staatsmodernisierung), **Corinna Budras** (FAZ)

Auf dem Prüfstand:

Staatsmodernisierung durch Bürokratie-Abbau

12. Mai 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

Dr. **Giuseppe Casalicchio** (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU)

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in Machine Learning Models**

Respondent: Prof. Dr. Anne-Laure Boulesteix (LMU)

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Mission Space – From Earth to Exoplanets

Kick-Off Workshop of the CAS Research Focus “Mission Space”.

Panel Discussion am 21. Mai um 19 Uhr s.t.

Dr. **Thomas Reiter** (German Federal Ministry of Research,
Technology and Space), Prof. Dr. **Eva-Maria Kern** (University
of the Bundeswehr Munich), Dr. **Andreas Lermann** (Munich
Aerospace)

Mission Space: Luxury or Necessity?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Alexander Choukér, Prof. Dr. Heiner Igel (LMU)

Juni 2026

9. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Prof. Dr. **Claudia Bausewein**, Prof. Dr. **Nikolaos Koutsouleris**
(LMU)

Sterblichkeit und die Frage nach dem Sinn

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“Die Hadesfahrt”. Nietzsche and the Dionysiac-Orphic Mysteries

Chair: Prof. Dr. Andreas Urs Sommer (Carl Friedrich von Siemens
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Chain-Folding Regulated Hierarchical Assembly of Amphiphilic Polymers and Functional Materials

Chair: Prof. Dr. Frédéric Laquai (LMU)

Ort: LMU, Fakultät für Pharmazie und Chemie, Butenandtstr. 5–13, Haus F, Baeyer Hörsaal

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Kunst am CAS – Filmvorführung

Olaf Probst: Filmabend im Werkstattkino

Ort: Werkstattkino, Fraunhoferstr. 9

15. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Prof. **Pamela Herd**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/University of Michigan),

Prof. **Donald Moynihan**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/University of Michigan)

Administration Burden: Politics, Bureaucracy and Inequality

Chair: Prof. Dr. Fabian Pfeffer (LMU)

16. Juni 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

Dr. **Brendan Röder** (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU)

The Priest’s Two Honours. Homicide, Masculinity and the Early Modern Catholic Church

Respondent: Prof. Sara McDougall, Ph.D. (CAS Research Group/City University of New York)

16. Juni, 16.30 Uhr

Prof. **Shahar Mendelson**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Texas A&M University)

Mean Estimation and Beyond

Chair: Prof. Dr. Holger Rauhut (LMU)

Ort: LMU, Mathematisches Institut, Theresienstr. 39, Raum A027

17. Juni 2026, 19 Uhr s.t.

Science Slam: One Planet – Many Questions

This event is organized together with the LMU Graduate Center.

Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, Raum A 240

18. und 19. Juni 2026

Measuring the Past. Scales in the Humanities

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Carlos Spoerhase and Dr. Sina Steglich (LMU).

Keynote Lecture am 18. Juni, 19 Uhr s.t.

Prof. **Robert E. Norton**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/University of Notre Dame)

Die „Maßstabidee“ und ihre Probleme:

Ernst Troeltsch zwischen Absolutheit und Relativismus

22. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Prof. **Abigail Marsh**, Ph.D. (Georgetown University)

How to Be Good? Understanding the Origins of Human Altruism

Chair: Prof. Dr. Nikolaos Koutsouleris (LMU)

23. Juni 2026

Film and Narrative Medicine

Workshop organized by Dr. Mike Rüb (Charité/LMU) and Prof. Maura Spiegel, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Columbia University).

Keynote Lecture am 23. Juni um 19 Uhr s.t.

Prof. **Maura Spiegel**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Columbia University)

Film as an Intersubjective Event: Perception and Relationality in Narrative Medicine

Chair: Prof. Dr. Claudia Olk (LMU)

24. Juni 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

Prof. **Jun Otsuka**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Zen University, Japan)

Ontology and Symmetry of Statistical Models

Chair: Dr. Tom Sterkenburg (CAS Young Center/LMU)

25. Juni 2026, 19 Uhr s.t.

Prof. Dr. **Kai-Uwe Schrogl** (Tübingen/ESA)

Who Owns the Moon? Politics and Law in Outer Space

Chair: Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann (LMU)

29. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Prof. **Michael F. Steger**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Colorado State University)

Meaning in Life: Insights from Psychology

Chair: Prof. Dr. Markus Paulus (LMU)

Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, ZEPP, Raum M 210

29. Juni bis 3. Juli 2026

Motifs and Motives

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Nikita Geldhauser (CAS Research Group/LMU), Dr. Alexey Ananyevskiy (CAS Young Center/LMU), Dr. Andrei Lavrenov (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU), and PD Dr. Maksim Zhykhovich (LMU).

Juli 2026

2. Juli 2026, 18.30 Uhr

Christina Clemm (Berlin), Prof. Dr. **Maren Röger** (Leipzig), Prof. Dr. **Julia Burkhardt** (CAS Research Group/LMU)

Femizid: Historische und aktuelle Perspektiven auf ein überzeitliches Phänomen von Gewalt

Moderation: Barbara Streidl (München)

7. Juli 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

Dr. **Maurice Fürstenberg** (CAS Researcher in Residence/ LMU)

AI, Yay! Corrections, No Way? A Control Group Study on the Quality of AI-Generated Feedback in German Classes

Respondent: Prof. Dr. Frank Fischer (LMU)

8. Juli 2026, 12 Uhr s.t.

Prof. **Lina Mercado**, Ph.D. (Exeter), Prof. **Stephen Sitch**, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Exeter)

Plants and Carbon:

A Double-Feature in the Earth Futures Lunchtime Colloquium

Chair: Prof. Dr. Julia Pongratz (LMU)

Ort: LMU, Department für Geographie, Luisenstr. 37, Raum 106

9. bis 11. Juli 2026

Inaugural Conference of the European Congress for Metaphysics

Organized by Prof. Alyssa Ney, Ph.D. (LMU) et al.

Orte: Historisches Kolleg und Seidlvilla

22. Juli 2026

Nucleic Acid Stress and Surveillance

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Roland Beckmann, Prof. Dr. Karl-Peter Hopfner, and Prof. Dr. Julian Stingele (LMU).

27. Juli 2026

Feedback x AI @LMU. Ein integrativer Blick auf Forschungsmethoden zu Feedback und KI

Workshop unter Leitung von Dr. Maurice Fürstenberg (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU).

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September 2026

10. und 11. September 2026

Learning from Other Cities? Interurban Exchange from the Late Medieval to the Modern Period

Workshop organized by Dr. Brendan Röder (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU).

21. September, 12 Uhr c.t.

Prof. **Anne Quéguiner-Mathieu**, Ph.D. (CAS Research Group/ Université Sorbonne)

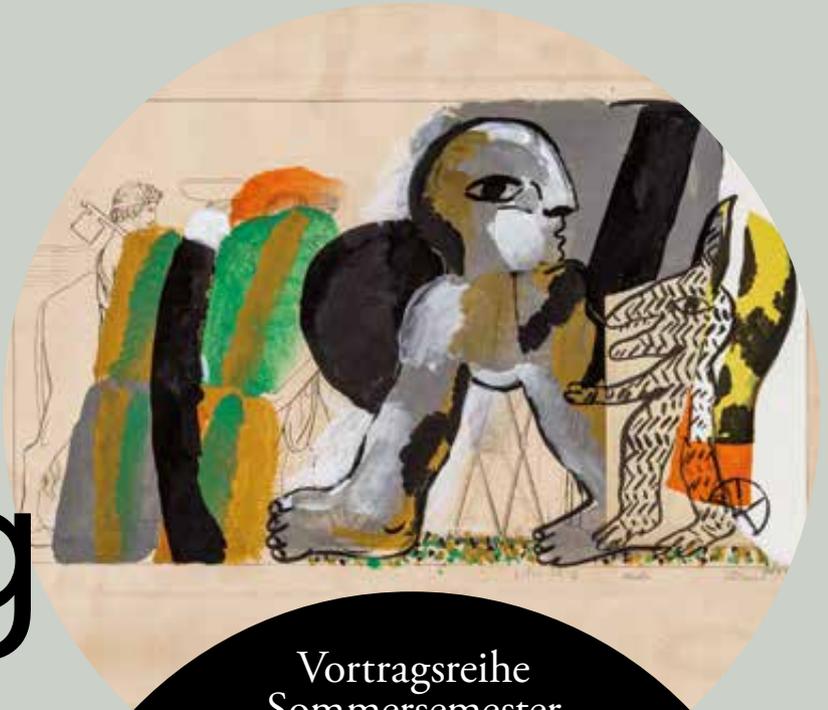
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Chair: Prof. Dr. Nikita Geldhauser (CAS Research Group/LMU)



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the meaning of life



Vortragsreihe
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Lunch Talks

Das Forschungskolloquium am CAS

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PD Dr. **Charlotte Schreiter** (LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn)
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(Digitale Literaturwissenschaft, LMU)

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Das Forschungskolloquium am
CAS richtet sich insbesondere an
Universitätsangehörige.

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in Residence

Veranstaltungen

Mittwoch, 15. April 2026, 19 Uhr

Kunst am CAS – Vernissage Olaf Probst – KATASTROPHÄE IX + hi s stoeryies

Einführung: Prof. Dr. Juliane Prade-Weiss (Komparatistik, LMU)

Atompilze erscheinen als überwältigende, beinahe erhabene Formationen von irritierender Schönheit. Doch sie sind die sichtbare Signatur einer tödlichen Realität: der menschlichen Fähigkeit zur Selbstvernichtung. Abbildungen von Atompilzen entstehen durch technische Apparaturen – sie sind Dokument und mediale Konstruktion zugleich, oszillierend zwischen Evidenz und Trugbild. Olaf Probst untersucht in seiner künstlerischen Arbeit die Beziehung von Sprache, Schrift, Text und bildnerischer Form. Am Motiv des Atompilzes kann er zeigen, wie Bilder zu Texten und Texte zu Bildern werden.

Olaf Probst studierte an der Staatlichen Akademie der Bildenden Künste Stuttgart bei Rudolf Schoofs, Sotirios Michou und Jürgen Brodwolf. Er lebt und arbeitet in München. **Juliane Prade-Weiss** ist Professorin für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft an der LMU.

Kunst am CAS präsentiert Arbeiten von Münchner Künstlerinnen und Künstlern und wird von der UniGalerie der LMU unterstützt.



Donnerstag, 16. April 2026

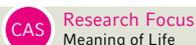


Modernisierung mit KI. Funktioniert das?

Interner Workshop mit Lars Zimmermann.

Lars Zimmermann ist Vorstandsmitglied bei QuantCo, einem führenden Unternehmen im Bereich KI-Systeme und -Forschung, das sichere KI-Lösungen und -Plattformen für Unternehmen und den öffentlichen Sektor entwickelt. Von 2021 bis 2025 war er Mitbegründer und Vorstandsmitglied von GovTech Germany, einer Plattform für die Entwicklung und Skalierung digitaler Technologien von Regierung und öffentlicher Verwaltung, die in Zusammenarbeit mit der deutschen Bundesregierung gegründet wurde.

Freitag, 17. April 2026, 16 Uhr c.t.



Prof. **Paul Nurse**, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. **Christof Rapp**

What is Life?

Perspectives from Biology and Philosophy

Paul Nurse is a British Nobel Prize-winning geneticist and currently President of the Royal Society London. He previously served as Director of the Francis Crick Institute in London and as President of Rockefeller University (2003–2011). In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of key regulators of the cell cycle. His book *What is Life?* (2020) reached a worldwide audience. **Christof Rapp** is Professor of Ancient Philosophy at LMU and Director of CAS, where he currently serves as co-speaker of the CAS Research Focus "Meaning of Life".

The event is part of the CAS Research Focuses "The Meaning of Life" and "Speciation", and of the "BMC Trailblazer Lectures".

Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, Raum A 140

Dienstag, 21. April 2026, 19 Uhr s.t.

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Olaf Probst liest aus seiner Ergänzung des unvollendeten Langgedichts *alfabet* von Inger Christensen. Als ein interaktives Format verbindet die Lesung Sprache, Musik und Kunst. Der Abend wird musikalisch begleitet von der Band **KINT** mit Stefan Conrady am Synthesizer und Herwig Huber am Schlagzeug.

Montag, 4. Mai 2026, 17 Uhr s.t.



LMU AI: Incubator for Startups

Workshop organized by Dr. Philipp Baaske, Prof. Dr. Susanna Hofmann, Prof. Dr. Gitta Kutyniok, and Prof. Dr. Jelena Spanjol (LMU).

The workshop offers a great opportunity to meet experienced startup founders from LMU. It invites professors, postdoctoral researchers, and advanced doctoral candidates who are interested in starting a business. The entrepreneurs and researchers, including Milan P. Allan (QuantaMap), Hector Andrade Loarca (AngioWave), Matthias Leistner (LMU), and Lalith Kumar Shiyam Sundar (Zenta), deliver concise pitch talks, sharing their personal experiences and key insights from launching their own startups, and offering perspectives on critical success factors, legal frameworks, and the entrepreneurial challenges involved in founding and growing a startup.

Mittwoch, 6. Mai 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.



PD Dr. **Charlotte Schreiter**

Messen – Rekonstruieren – Verkleinern. Archäologische Modelle in Museen

Moderation: Dr. Buket Altinoba (LMU)

Charlotte Schreiter ist Wissenschaftliche Referentin am LVR-Landesmuseum Bonn. In ihrer Arbeit ist sie vielfach mit Fragen des Maßstabs konfrontiert, denn antike Monumente und komplexe archäologische Ausgrabungsstätten sind in der Regel vor allem groß. Relikte und Objekte aus vergangenen Zeiten sind demgegenüber klein. Was in den altertumswissenschaftlichen Fächern im Zusammenhang gedacht und betrachtet wird, kann in der musealen Vermittlung als heterogenes Nebeneinander erscheinen.

Montag, 11. Mai 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Dr. **Sabrina Artinger**, **Corinna Budras**

Auf dem Prüfstand:

Staatsmodernisierung durch Bürokratie-Abbau

Sabrina Artinger ist Leiterin des Referats „Bürgerzentrierter Staat, Strategische Vorausschau, Vernetzung mit der Wissenschaft“ im neu geschaffenen Bundesministerium für Digitales und Staatsmodernisierung. **Corinna Budras** ist Wirtschaftskorrespondentin der FAZ in Berlin.

Mittwoch, 13. Mai 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.



Prof. **Ted Underwood**, Ph.D.

Can Language Models Scale Down to Understand Local Context?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Julian Schröter (LMU)

Ted Underwood is a professor in the School of Information Sciences and holds an appointment with the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. In his talk, he discusses various strategies for scaling context down, and also describes a benchmark that aims to tell us whether models have scaled down successfully.

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Chair: Prof. Dr. Ursula Lenker (LMU)

Joanna Story is Professor of Early Medieval History at the University of Leicester and currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. The script, art and texts of insular manuscripts have been subject to intensive study for centuries, but very much less has been said about the materials that they were made from, especially the membrane. Insular books were usually (but not always) written on calf skin, rather than sheep or goat, as was commonplace in Francia or Italy.

Donnerstag, 21. Mai 2026



Mission Space – From Earth to Exoplanets

Kick-Off Workshop of the CAS Research Focus “Mission Space”.

LMU researchers present and discuss current space-related research across medicine, biology, chemistry, physics, astrophysics, geo-science, and related fields. The aim is to identify synergies, foster new collaborations, and develop strategies for future space research.

Panel Discussion am 21. Mai um 19 Uhr s.t.

Dr. **Thomas Reiter**, Prof. Dr. **Eva-Maria Kern**,

Dr. **Andreas Lermann**

Mission Space: Luxury or Necessity?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Alexander Choukér, Prof. Dr. Heiner Igel (LMU)

Thomas Reiter served as an astronaut with the European Space Agency (ESA) from 1992 to 2007 and became the eighth German to travel into space. Until 2021, he acted as ESA Interagency Coordinator and Advisor to the ESA Director General. Since January 2026, he has been the head of the Department of Space and Security at the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space. **Eva-Maria Kern** is Professor of Knowledge Management and Business Process Design at the Faculty of Economics and Organizational Sciences and, since 2023, President of the Universität der Bundeswehr München. She is an expert in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management. **Andreas Lermann** is Managing Director of Munich Aerospace, the Bavarian research network for aerospace.

Dienstag, 9. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Prof. Dr. **Claudia Bausewein**,

Prof. Dr. **Nikolaos Koutsouleris**

Sterblichkeit und die Frage nach dem Sinn

Claudia Bausewein ist Professorin für Palliativmedizin am Klinikum der LMU und seit 2021 Präsidentin der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin. 2024 wurde sie in die Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina aufgenommen. **Nikolaos Koutsouleris** ist Professor für Präzisionspsychiatrie am Klinikum der LMU und hat zudem eine Professur am King's College London inne. Im Jahr 2023/24 war er Co-Sprecher der CAS Research Group “Tools for Transnational Neuropsychiatric Research”.

Mittwoch, 10. Juni 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

Prof. **Babette Babich**, Ph.D.

“Die Hadesfahrt”.

Nietzsche and the Dionysiac-Orphic Mysteries

Chair: Prof. Dr. Andreas Urs Sommer (Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung)

Babette Babich is Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University and currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. Her most recent book publications include *Günther Anders' Philosophy of Technology: From Phenomenology to Critical Theory* (London 2022) and *Nietzsches Plastik. Ästhetische Phänomenologie im Spiegel des Lebens* (London/Berlin 2021). Along with Hölderlin's *Der Tod des Empedokles*, Babette Babich reads Nietzsche's sketches for an Empedocles drama and his reflections on hermeneutics.

Mittwoch, 10. Juni 2026, 17 Uhr c.t.

Prof. **Suhrit Ghosh**, Ph.D.

Chain-Folding Regulated Hierarchical Assembly of Amphiphilic Polymers and Functional Materials

Chair: Prof. Dr. Frédéric Laquai (LMU)

Suhrit Ghosh is a Professor at the School of Applied and Interdisciplinary Sciences at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science in Kolkata, India. He has profound expertise in the field of organic photoactive materials for a wide range of applications, including photodynamic therapy as well as electronic, optical, and biochemical technologies. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS.

Ort: LMU, Fakultät für Pharmazie und Chemie, Butenandtstr. 5–13, Haus F, Baeyer Hörsaal

11. und 12. Juni 2026



Femicide in Premodern History. Current Research Trends and Debates

Closing Conference of the CAS Research Group “Femicide”, led by Prof. Dr. Julia Burkhardt (CAS Research Group/LMU).

Participants include the members of the CAS Research Group “Femicide” Julia Bühner (Frankfurt a.M.), Sara M. Butler (Ohio), Simona Feci (Naples L’Orientale), Julia Habermann (Bochum), Sara McDougall (John Jay College of Criminal Justice), Alison More (University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto), Valentina Moro (Stony Brook), Elena von Ohlen (Duisburg-Essen), Leonie Steinl (Münster/Leipzig), Ying Zhang (Leiden).

Donnerstag, 11. Juni 2026, 18 Uhr c.t.

Women’s Voices. Femicide in Art, Literature, Music, and Performance

Public Event organized by Prof. Dr. Julia Burkhardt, Prof. Dr. Mariama Diagne, Prof. Dr. Irene Holzer, Prof. Dr. Joanna Olchawa, Prof. Dr. Juliane Prade-Weiss (LMU).

In art, literature, music, and performance, there are numerous stories about women who are killed by men. But how does our perspective on these examples change when we view them as femicides? With this in mind, we invite you to participate in a “concert in dialogue”: We will examine the phenomenon of femicide in various art forms, thus contributing to a critical reflection on the visibility of femicide and how it is dealt with artistically. Our aim is to make visible the polyphony of voices about and by women.

Samstag, 13. Juni 2026, 17 Uhr s.t.

Kunst am CAS – Filmvorführung

Olaf Probst: Filmabend im Werkstattkino

Es werden die Filme *Jenseits des Restes – eine Katastrophäe als Abrechnung*, 2009/26 (40 Minuten) und *Ich bin ein böser Künstler: Ich bin*, 2022/26 (52 Minuten) gezeigt. Im Anschluss bietet sich die Gelegenheit zum Gespräch mit dem Künstler.

Ort: Werkstattkino, Fraunhoferstr. 9

Montag, 15. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Prof. **Pamela Herd**, Ph.D., Prof. **Donald Moynihan**, Ph.D.

Administration Burden: Politics, Bureaucracy and Inequality

Chair: Prof. Dr. Fabian Pfeffer (LMU)

Pamela Herd is Professor of Social Policy at the University of Michigan. **Donald Moynihan** is Professor of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Both are currently Visiting Fellows at CAS. Administrative burden reflects the onerous interactions that people have when accessing benefits, services, and rights in areas ranging from social welfare and voting policy to immigration and health policy. These burdens enact costs, ranging from practical costs, such as time and effort, to psychological costs, such as frustration and even fear that can shape social inequality.

Dienstag, 16. Juni 2026, 16.30 Uhr



Prof. **Shahar Mendelson**, Ph.D.

Mean Estimation and Beyond

Chair: Prof. Dr. Holger Rauhut (LMU)

Shahar Mendelson is Professor of Mathematics at Texas A&M University and currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. In his lecture, he addresses a central problem in high-dimensional probability and statistics that has been studied for decades: Can the mean of an unknown random vector be accurately estimated based solely on independent samples? Shahar Mendelson presents key ideas that have led to sharp solutions of this problem and to significant advances on related probabilistic and geometric questions.

Ort: LMU, Mathematisches Institut, Theresienstr. 39, Raum A027

Mittwoch, 17. Juni 2026, 19 Uhr s.t.



Science Slam: One Planet – Many Questions

At this Science Slam, researchers step out of their comfort zone and into the spotlight to present their work in the most vivid, accessible, and entertaining way possible. Each speaker has just ten minutes and can use any aids – slides, props, live experiments, or whatever it takes to make complex ideas shine. From planetary health to unexpected research objects and bold new questions, the topics are as diverse as the minds behind them. The only rule: make it clear, make it engaging, make it memorable. In the end, the audience decides who has delivered the most compelling performance.

This event is organized together with the LMU Graduate Center.

Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, Raum A 240

18. und 19. Juni 2026



Measuring the Past. Scales in the Humanities

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Carlos Spoerhase and Dr. Sina Steglich (LMU).

Scales are everywhere. Scaling is a basic part of knowledge production. This holds especially true for the humanities. Between micro and macro arenas, global and local spaces, human and “natural” or deep time: scales are the very foundation of human interactions with the world and of “seeing” past, present and future worlds. The workshop brings together scholars of different disciplines for an in-depth discussion of scaling processes and their methodological implications.

Participants include Florentina Armaselu (Luxembourg), Helge Jordheim (CAS Fellow/University of Oslo), Ethan Kleinberg (Wesleyan University), Lutz Koepnick (Vanderbilt University), Achim Landwehr (Konstanz), Robert E. Norton (CAS Fellow/Notre Dame), Lisa Regazzoni (CAS Fellow/Bielefeld), Ursula Ströbele (HBK Braunschweig), Marek Tamm (Tallinn University), Francesca Trivellato (IAS Princeton).

Keynote Lecture am 18. Juni, 19 Uhr s.t.

Prof. **Robert E. Norton**, Ph.D.

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

Robert E. Norton is a Professor at the University of Notre Dame, where he holds appointments in the Departments of German, History, and Philosophy. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS.

Montag, 22. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Prof. **Abigail Marsh**, Ph.D.

How to Be Good? Understanding the Origins of Human Altruism

Chair: Prof. Dr. Nikolaos Koutsouleris (LMU)

Abigail Marsh is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program at Georgetown University. She directs the “Laboratory on Social & Affective Neuroscience”, whose research aims to address questions such as: How do people understand what others think and feel?

Dienstag, 23. Juni 2026



Film and Narrative Medicine

Workshop organized by Dr. Mike Rüb (Charité/LMU) and Prof. Maura Spiegel, Ph.D. (CAS Fellow/Columbia University).

This interactive workshop explores innovative approaches from narrative medicine. Combining close reading, visual analysis, and reflective practice, the event demonstrates how cinematic storytelling can deepen attention, empathy, and interpretive skills in medical and health science education.

Keynote Lecture am 23. Juni um 19 Uhr s.t.

Prof. **Maura Spiegel**, Ph.D.

Film as an Intersubjective Event: Perception and Relationality in Narrative Medicine

Chair: Prof. Dr. Claudia Oik (LMU)

Maura Spiegel is Senior Lecturer in English and Comparative Literature and a founder of the program “Narrative Medicine” at Columbia University. She teaches narrative and film courses to medical students, runs international writing workshops, and has published widely on literature, film, and the history of emotions. Maura Spiegel is currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS.

Mittwoch, 24. Juni 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.



Prof. Jun Otsuka, Ph.D.

Ontology and Symmetry of Statistical Models

Chair: Dr. Tom Sterkenburg (CAS Young Center/LMU)

Jun Otsuka is Professor at the Faculty of Social Informatics at Zen University, Japan, and currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. Statistical models, such as distribution families or regression models, encode ontological assumptions about the inductive problems they aim to represent, effectively defining “what kind” of problem is at hand. In this sense, they function as natural kinds (e.g., “gold” or “horses”), providing a taxonomy through which scientists classify objects and predict or explain their behavior. Jun Otsuka elaborates on this perspective by focusing on the symmetry of statistical models.

Donnerstag, 25. Juni 2026, 19 Uhr s.t.



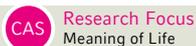
Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl

Who Owns the Moon? Politics and Law in Outer Space

Chair: Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann (LMU)

Kai-Uwe Schrogl is Professor of Political Science at the University of Tübingen and Special Advisor for Political Affairs at the European Space Agency (ESA) in Paris. He has held senior roles in European space policy, including Chief Strategy Officer at ESA, Director of the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) in Vienna, and a leadership position at the German Aerospace Center (DLR). From 2019 to 2021, he was seconded to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy in Berlin to support the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Montag, 29. Juni 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Prof. Michael F. Steger, Ph.D.

Meaning in Life: Insights from Psychology

Chair: Prof. Dr. Markus Paulus (LMU)

Michael F. Steger is Professor of Psychology and the founding director of the Center for Meaning and Purpose at Colorado State University. His research focuses on how people flourish through building meaning and purpose in their lives and in their work. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS.

Ort: LMU, Hauptgebäude, ZEPP, Raum M 210

29. Juni bis 3. Juli 2026



Motifs and Motives

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Nikita Geldhauser (CAS Research Group/LMU), Dr. Alexey Ananyevskiy (CAS Young Center/LMU), Dr. Andrei Lavrenov (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU) and PD Dr. Maksim Zhykhovich (LMU).

The conference serves as the concluding event of the CAS Research Group “Algebraic Groups, Motives and Applications”. It is dedicated to motives in a broad sense and their applications in algebraic geometry and algebraic group theory, presenting, among other topics, the main results achieved within the group.

Participants include Joseph Ayoub (CAS Research Group/Universität Zürich), Kęstutis Česnavičius (Sorbonne), Jean Fasel (Grenoble Alpes), Terry Gannon (CAS Research Group/University of Alberta), Stefan Gille (CAS Research Group/University of Alberta), Olivier Haution (CAS Fellow/Milano-Bicocca), Detlev Hoffmann (TU Dortmund), Nikita Karpenko (CAS Research Group/University of Alberta), Bruno Klingler (HU Berlin), Marc Levine (Duisburg-Essen), Fabien Morel (LMU), Arturo Pianzola (CAS Research Group/University of Alberta), Anne Quéguiner-Mathieu (CAS Research Group/Sorbonne), Anand Sawant (Tata Institute, Mumbai), Federico Scavia (Sorbonne), Stephen Scully (University of Victoria), Pavel Sechin (CAS Research Group/Regensburg), Tamás Szamuely (Pisa), Matthias Wendt (Wuppertal), Kirill Zainoulline (CAS Research Group/University of Ottawa).

Orte: CAS LMU und LMU, Mathematisches Institut

Donnerstag, 2. Juli 2026, 18.30 Uhr



Christina Clemm, Prof. Dr. Maren Röger,

Prof. Dr. Julia Burkhardt

Femizid: Historische und aktuelle Perspektiven auf ein überzeitliches Phänomen von Gewalt

Moderation: Barbara Streidl (München)

Die Juristin **Christina Clemm** arbeitet seit langem als Anwältin von Opfern geschlechtsspezifischer Gewalt. Zu ihren Publikationen zählen die Bände *AktenEinsicht* und *Gegen Frauenhass*. **Maren Röger** ist Direktorin des Leibniz-Instituts für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europas (Leipzig), sie arbeitet derzeit an einer Monographie zur europäischen Geschichte von Partnerschaftsgewalt und Femiziden. Die Research Group unter Leitung von **Julia Burkhardt** bringt eine Gruppe von internationalen Forscherinnen nach München, die ein Jahr lang gemeinsam sowohl die historische Dimension als auch deren

Bedeutung für die aktuelle Debatte um Femizide in den Blick nimmt. Die geplante Veranstaltung soll verdeutlichen, dass es sich um ein zeitenübergreifendes Phänomen handelt.

Mittwoch, 8. Juli 2026, 12 Uhr s.t.



Prof. **Lina Mercado**, Ph.D., Prof. **Stephen Sitch**, Ph.D.
**Plants and Carbon: A Double-Feature in the Earth Futures
Lunchtime Colloquium**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Julia Pongratz (LMU)

Lina Mercado is Professor of Geography at the University of Exeter. As plant ecophysiologicalist and vegetation-biogeochemical modeler, she uses observational data and computer models to investigate how plants influence the climate and vice versa. **Stephen Sitch** is Professor in Physical Geography at the University of Exeter and currently a Visiting Fellow at CAS. In his talk, he shares insights from the Global Carbon Budget assessment and the use of earth observation to refine regional carbon budgets.

Ort: LMU, Department für Geographie, Luisenstr. 37, Raum 106

9. bis 11. Juli 2026

**Inaugural Conference of the European Congress for
Metaphysics**

Organized by Dr. Giacomo Andreoletti (LMU), Dr. Boris Demarest (LMU), Prof. Dr. Fabrice Correia (University of Geneva), Prof. Esa Díaz-León, Ph.D. (University of Barcelona), Dr. Jani Hakkarainen (Tampere University), Dr. Mario Hubert (LMU), Prof. Dr. Max Kistler (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Prof. Øystein Linnebo, Ph.D. (University of Oslo), Prof. Anna-Sofia Maurin, Ph.D. (Gothenburg), Prof. Alyssa Ney, Ph.D. (LMU), Asya Passinsky, Ph.D. (CEU Vienna), and David Yates, Ph.D. (University of Lisbon).

The European Congress for Metaphysics is a new society that will bring together philosophers across Europe who work on a range of topics including analytic and continental metaphysics, the metaphysics of science, social metaphysics, the history of metaphysics, metametaphysics, metaphysics of mind, metaphysics of value, and formal metaphysics.

Keynote speakers will be Esa Díaz-León (University of Barcelona), Jonathan Schaffer (CAS Fellow/Rutgers), and Barbara Vetter (FU Berlin).

Orte: Historisches Kolleg und Seidlvilla

Mittwoch, 22. Juli 2026



Nucleic Acid Stress and Surveillance

Workshop organized by Prof. Dr. Roland Beckmann, Prof. Dr. Karl-Peter Hopfner, and Prof. Dr. Julian Stinglele (LMU).

Intrinsic and extrinsic stresses continuously challenge the integrity and functionality of DNA and RNA, necessitating sophisticated checkpoint, repair, and quality control pathways to safeguard genome stability and gene expression fidelity. Bringing together leading researchers at the interface between DNA and RNA biology, this meeting will highlight emerging mechanisms of nucleic acid stress responses and discuss their role in maintaining cellular homeostasis and preventing disease.

Participants include Rachel Green (CAS Fellow/Johns Hopkins), Toshifumi Inada (LMU-Todai-Fellow/The University of Tokyo), Maria-Elena Torres-Padilla (LMU).

Montag, 27. Juli 2026



**Feedback x AI @LMU. Ein integrativer Blick
auf Forschungsmethoden zu Feedback und KI**

Workshop unter Leitung von Dr. Maurice Fürstenberg (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU).

Feedback und KI sind Querschnittsthemen, die als Kombination in all jenen Forschungsbereichen untersucht werden, welche sich mit Lernen im weitesten Sinne auseinandersetzen. Der Workshop hat zum Ziel, interdisziplinäre Perspektiven der Forschung zusammenzubringen, indem methodische Herangehensweisen verglichen und reflektiert werden. Damit soll ein besseres Verständnis von Feedback und KI aus Sicht der Operationalisierung für Studien gewonnen werden.

Teilnehmer:innen sind u.a. Uta Hauck-Thum (LMU), Sarah Hofer (LMU), Jochen Kuhn (LMU), Silvija Markic (LMU), Frank Niklas (LMU), Michael Rödel (LMU), Albrecht Schmidt (LMU).

10. und 11. September 2026

CAS Researcher
in Residence

Learning from Other Cities? Interurban Exchange from the Late Medieval to the Modern Period

Workshop organized by Dr. Brendan Röder (CAS Researcher in Residence/LMU).

Historians working on a specific city regularly encounter documents exchanged between urban centers – such as guild regulations, ordinances, infrastructural plans or even constitutional documents – but rarely place them at the center of analysis. This workshop does exactly that and focuses on the themes, actors, and functions of exchange between cities across a broad chronological range.

Participants include Edda Frankot (Utrecht), Felix Grollmann (LMU), Christian Manger (Tilburg), Anna Mazanik (Max Weber Stiftung, Bonn), Maarten Prak (Utrecht), Andrew Wells (Kiel).

Montag, 21. September 2026, 12 Uhr c.t.

CAS Research
Groups

Prof. Anne Quéguiner-Mathieu, Ph.D.

On the Artin-Springer Theorem in Schur Index 2 (or a New Proof of a Theorem of Parimala-Sridharan-Suresh)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Nikita Geldhauser (CAS Research Group/LMU)

Anne Quéguiner-Mathieu, associate professor at Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, is specialized in algebra, focusing on algebras with involution, algebraic groups, quadratic forms, Galois cohomology, homogeneous projective varieties, and Chow motives. Her research sheds light on the interplay between algebraic and arithmetic properties in the theory of algebras with involution and in quadratic and hermitian forms. She is a member of the CAS Research Group “Algebraic Groups, Motives and Applications”.



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