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Dear Members, Visiting Scholars and Friends,

It seems not so long ago that we all met at the HGGS Forum 2023, where many of our members and visiting scholars presented their work in form of talks, posters and videos. It was a lively and successful academic event organized by a dedicated peer group.

The collaboration of doctoral members from the six different faculties in the HGGS has a tradition of generating novel viewpoints, innovative results and remarkable events, such as the exhibition, “Reclaiming the body: feminism, community, and territory”, the reading group “Body, Crossings” and the 4EU+ conference on “The Role of Academia in the Rise of the Far Right”, which were organized by HGGS members and fellow doctoral candidates. The Peer Mentoring scheme of the HGGS supports new initiatives and we encourage you to discuss your project ideas with us.

This academic year, we are sending a warm welcome to 15 news members, who join us from quite different backgrounds, countries and world regions. Working with such a diverse and highly motivated group that seeks the dialogue with peers from other academic fields is a privilege and joy. We wish you all a good start and look forward to seeing you at our courses and events this academic year!

Dr. Astrid Wind
Managing Director

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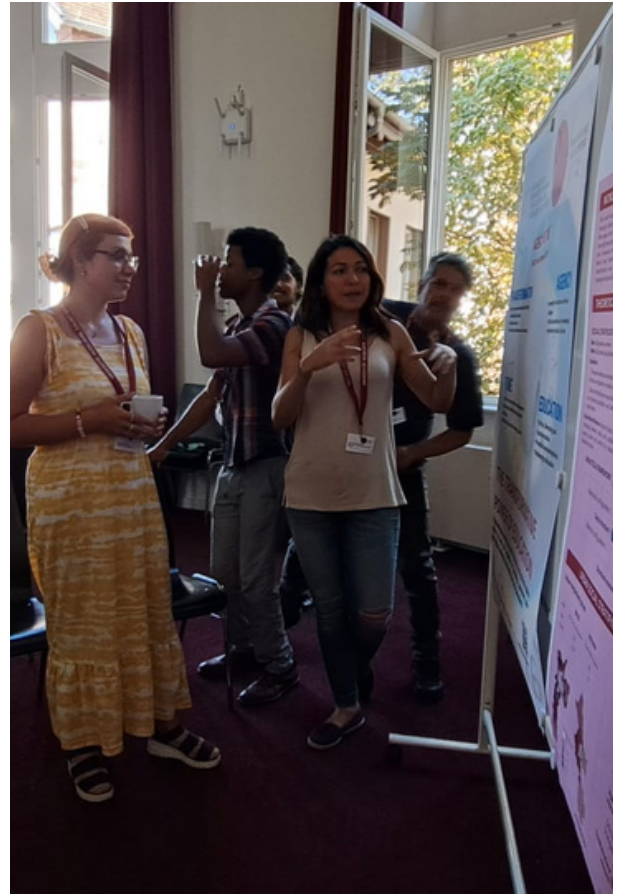
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HGGS FORUM 2023

The HGGS hosted an academic forum on 8th September 2023 at the South Asia Institute auditorium, with a focus on interdisciplinary research and discussions around the topic of “Agency in Time”, 60 participants from six different faculties came together for presentations on “agency” and “time” from different disciplinary perspectives.

Dr. Joseph John Viscomi from Birkbeck, University of London, delivered the keynote lecture titled "Depopulating landscapes: On time, materiality and the myth of progress". The day-long conference comprised three panel sessions chaired by HGGS members and doctoral scholars from various universities in Germany and abroad.



This year HGGS also welcomed novel presentation formats. Some of the candidates presented their research in short video clips, the links to the same are provided in our website. The conference ended with a super delicious dinner and great memories.

Forum Website

<https://www.hggs.uni-heidelberg.de/veranstaltungen/forum-eng.html>

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[HGGS Gallery](#)

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RESEARCH NEWS

Last July, I had the chance to travel with my supervisor Prof. Daniela Landert to the biannual IPrA (International Pragmatics Association) conference, which took part at the Université Libre de Bruxelles campus in Brussels. This conference is the largest international gathering of researchers interested in pragmatics, the study of language in context. This event opens up multiple possibilities for interdisciplinary exchange, with academics in neighboring fields such as psychology and philosophy also participating.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to listen to talks delivered by leading experts in the discipline of pragmatics, like Stephen Levinson, as well as to attend panels from presenters who are at the moment exploring similar research avenues to mine, such as Prof. Jonathan Culpeper from the University of Lancaster. The highlight of my stay in Brussels came on the fourth day, when I was part of the poster session that was held at the venue. During this session, I put on display a poster summarizing the design of the study I am conducting for my PhD, which focuses on cross-cultural variation in the production of impolite utterances by speakers of British English and Peninsular Spanish in the context of card game interactions. I received a wide range of questions and comments from many attendees, some of which have led to my reformulating or redefining some aspects of my research project.

**Rodrigo Agustin
Lana**

**Neuphilologische
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RESEARCH NEWS

On the 30th March 2023, I presented at the PhD Symposium on “Precarity: Possibilities on Humans and Things” at the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and my paper had the following title: “Resilience or Glorified Precarity? A comparative analysis of past and present narratives of early 18th century Palatine emigrants”.

On 31st August 2023, I presented at the 29th EAA Annual Meeting in Belfast “Weaving Narratives”. Since it is a very large archaeological conference, it is organised in different broad themes which are then further divided into different sessions. I presented at a session entitled “Living Amongst the Ruins: Re-Settlement And Identity Formation In Devastated Landscapes And Abandoned Cities” which was part of the theme “Contested Pasts & Presents”. The title of my paper was the following: “Home in a Foreign Landscape: An Analysis of Re-settlement Strategies through the Lenses of Critical Historical Cartography”.



**Julia van
Duijvenvoorde**

**University of
Amsterdam
&
CAPAS
Heidelberg
University**

RESEARCH NEWS

It was such a thrilling experience to be part of the European Academy of Management 2023 Doctoral Colloquium and Conference hosted by Trinity Business School. With more than 1300 researchers from all over the globe and over 500 sessions- there was so much to learn and reflect on. It was also an enlightening experience to meet with the editors of Academy of Management Discoveries, Journal of Management Studies, European Management Journal, European Management Review , and Organization Studies. Understanding researchers' pitfalls and misconceptions when approaching top-tier journals was mind opening. Highlights of this was engaging with like-minded scholars interested in emotion regulation in the workplace, and our discussions were far beyond illuminating. Now I truly get what it means when they say that "finding your tribe" is on top of the PhD essentials checklist.

On a personal level, I am happy to have made very beautiful memories with whom I hope will be lifelong friends! I also had pleasure exploring the beautiful Dublin and learning about Trinity College Dublin with history dating back to as far as 1590s. Special thanks to those who gave me detailed feedback and discussion of my work: Ultan Sherman (C.Psychol.Ps.S.I.), Carolina Ramos, and Laura De Boom and many others yet. On a final note, have a supervisor who supports your research, academic and professional growth. All this would have not possible without the encouragement and support of Prof. Dr. Christiane Schwierien. Still much to digest and reflect on - A proud member of EURAM!

Mai Alqersh

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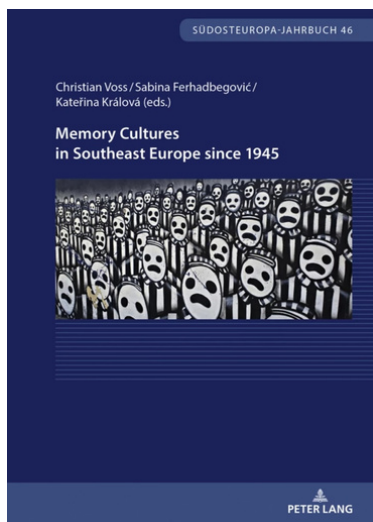


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I voluntarily served as a tutor/translator during the German-Greek Youth Exchange "On the tracks of the common History" organized by Respekt für Griechenland, Deutsch-Griechisches Jugendwerk & The Land Beyond from 5-12 September 2022 in Greece.

I presented a sample of my ongoing doctoral project at the research seminar of the Jean Monnet Chair in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studie, 17 October 2022, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University of Prague. I also presented a paper under "The representation of Auschwitz during the 2015 Greek referendum" at the research seminar of the Department of Modern and Contemporary History Seminar, School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 15 December 2022, Greece.

During the above-mentioned academic year, I conducted archival research on Libraries and archival centers in Greece for my doctoral project in the context of my Erasmus fellowship at the Chair of Jewish Studies, School of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Lastly, it was published a book chapter under the title "Antisemitism without Jews in Kavala" in *Memory Cultures in Southeast Europe since 1945*. Proceedings of the International Academic Week at Tutzing, October 2021. Edited by Christian Voß, Katerina Kralova, Sabina Ferhadbegović. Südosteuropa-Jahrbuch, 47. Berlin: Peter Lang Verlag, 2023.



**Ioannis
Stylianidis**

**Hochschule für
Jüdische Studien
Heidelberg**



RESEARCH NEWS

This year, I presented the results of a pilot experiment at two conferences. The first one took place in Würzburg (XR-Meeting Würzburg) and brought together psychologists using VR in their research. I also presented at the German sport psychologists conference (asp-Tagung) which took place in Stuttgart (see picture).

I also presented a poster at the HGGs Forum this year, which underlined the role of agency in female participation in high-risk sports.

Together with two doctoral students of the Institute of Sports and Sports Sciences (ISSW), we have launched our official X (Twitter) account, in which we communicate about current scientific advances, conference presentations and research activities. If you want to have a look and get an update about research in sports sciences in Heidelberg, it's this way: @ISSW_HD.



Solene Gerwann

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I worked as a Research Assistant in Dr. Takahiro Yamamoto's project "Historicizing personal identification and its implication for pandemic response: a case study of ID photographs in twentieth-century Japan", from December 2022 to August 2023. In November 2022, I worked as a technical interpreter for the Japan Foundation at the event "Dumb Type | Audio Visual Live 2022: remix" at Teatro Goldoni, Venice, Italy. I was one of the main organizers of the International MA Symposium in Transcultural Studies "Construction and Contestation: Counterculturality from Transcultural Perspectives" held in February 2023 at Heidelberg University. March 3rd-4th 2023: I presented at the 3rd International Doctoral Symposium on Asian and African Studies at La Sapienza University in Rome. The title of my presentation was "A Beautiful King Arthur: An Examination of Nyotaika in the Visual Novel Fate/Stay Night".

Together with a research scholar, Zifei Wang, and other HGGs students, I started the reading group "Body, Crossings" (<https://www.hggs.uni-heidelberg.de/mentoring.html>). As the new semester starts, we will resume our activities and hope for the participation of new students. As soon as we have decided the new plan for the semester, I will send additional information.

In mid-September 2023, I started my research period abroad in Kyoto, in affiliation with Kyoto University's Graduate School of Letters, thanks to a Japan Foundation Fellowship. The research period will end on August 2024, and during these eleven months abroad I will conduct fieldwork and interviews with drag performers and artists in Club Metro, Kyoto, and possibly in the Kansai area in general. In October 2023 I presented my PhD project at The Japan Foundation Fellow Conference at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) in Kyoto. The title of my presentation was "Diamonds in the Subway: Analyzing Gender in Contemporary Japanese Society through the Drag of Club Metro, Kyoto".

Marco Del Din

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Kyoto University



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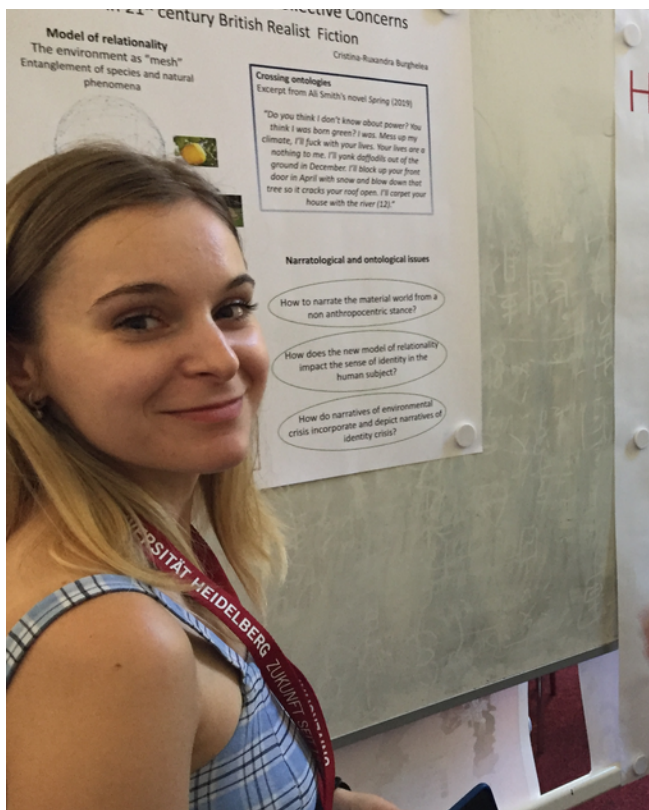
In July this year, I gave a talk at the University of Augsburg as part of the International Workshop entitled "International Workshop on relationality and more-than-human storytelling." My presentation focused on agency and nonhuman narrators in Ali Smith's Seasonal Quartet, with the title: "The Earth Has Spoken: Nature as Protagonist in Ali Smith's Seasonal Quartet."

As of October 2022 I am a tutor for the lecture series "Introduction to Literary Studies," at the English Department. One of the best things about this experience is that it gave me the chance to revisit texts read a long time ago and see what the students thought about them. Fabulous discussions followed.

I also published a short story in the first issue of the literary magazine of the English Department, Litter. The story, Flux, can read online on the magazine's website: https://www.as.uni-heidelberg.de/litter/fiction/short_fiction/short_fiction_text_view.html, or in print, available in the English Department. Since August I am part of the editing team of the Litter magazine, and we are now working on the second issue, coming up very soon.

**Ruxandra
Burghelea**

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The 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL26) was held from September 4th to 8th, 2023, at the Neue Uni Building of the University of Heidelberg. The conference was attended by approximately 400 scholars from all over the world, who participated in a total of 200 talks and 15 workshops held during the week. The event was organized by my supervisor, Prof. Dr. Gvozdanović, and I had the privilege of being a member of the hosting organizational team during the conference. This conference was particularly special as it marked its jubilee, exactly 50 years since the first conference held in 1973. The opening plenary talk was given by Paul Kiparsky, a renowned linguist and professor of linguistics at Stanford University, in the Alte Aula. The conference wrapped up with a remarkable dinner in the King's Hall of Heidelberger Castle. The upcoming ICHL event will be hosted in Santiago de Chile in two years, where we are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Iva Petrak

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Leaving one's comfort zone – My Conference experiences from 2022 and 2023 abroad and at home and researching in the USA

During my US-stay from February 2022 to August 2022, I took the one-time chance to convene and to come together with internationally renowned scholars of my field, presenting my own research and making connections for future collaborations, as well as experiencing first hand a different academic culture. I soon realized that Americans are quite approachable and keen on welcoming young researchers from abroad to their country. On the other hand, though, I also learned to appreciate the advantages that European countries have got ahead to the USA – think of, e.g., less political polarization, less gun-violence, less economic and social inequality – I could go on. Aside from my archival investigations into the intellectual inheritances of John Dewey and Hannah Arendt, making extensive use of their unpublished manuscripts, journals and notes, as well as their substantial private libraries, I explored the Midwest and East Coast-regions, as well as the West Coast during my private travels – a very illuminating and invigorating experience, indeed. In fact, never before – and after that – did I receive such a warm welcome: On the very day of my arrival at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC), I already could come together with professors from faculty and invited guests for dinner – one of the professors actually invited me and my professor in the US to breakfast into his private home the next day – for German standards, this is extremely friendly. Needless to say that my stay abroad also was very helpful with accustoming me again to a life not affected by Covid-19-regulations, as the USA in 2022 were very quick in dropping any Covid-19-related restrictions of public and cultural life. After having made myself at home in Carbondale, Illinois, I was invited spontaneously to a conference, having gotten the opportunity to also present the preliminary findings of my archival investigations. My talk got recorded and can be viewed on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FIKOBMpN-g>

CONTINUATION: A detailed writing of Julian's travel can be read using this link- <https://heibox.uni-heidelberg.de/f/42ce09496d8e45649436/?dl=1>

Julian Tobias Klar

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PUBLICATIONS

Kanya Viljoen, Faculty of Modern Languages

Kanya published an article “(Un)Belonging in the body of the chorus” in the South African Theatre Journal, Volume 35, Issue 3 (2022). A link to the article can be found here:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10137548.2023.2174899>



Hamzah Fansuri, Faculty of Behavioural and Cultural Sciences

Hamzah published an article “On the Road of Hijrah: Contesting Identity through Urban Mobilities in Contemporary Indonesian Muslims”, which can be accessed through
<https://journals.openedition.org/archipel/3485>



Hannah Mieger, Faculty of Modern Languages

Hannah published an article about intersectionality in *Intersektionalität und erzählte Welten : literaturwissenschaftliche und literaturdidaktische Perspektiven* / Verónica Abrego, Ina Henke, Magdalena Kißling, Christina Lammer, Maria-Theresia Leuker (Hg.) It can be accessed through
<https://publikationen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/opus4/frontdoor/index/index/docId/73823>



Other recent publications are mentioned by HGGs members in the “Research News“ above, and more will be forthcoming in the next HGGs newsletter!



PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to Hannah, who became a mother in the past summer semester. After her maternal leave, she will continue with her doctoral project.

Julian is looking for a **travel-buddy** for the first two weeks in March 2024. He will be touring the Italian peninsula, discovering “L’Italia sconosciuta”, that means “The unknown/undiscovered Italy”, as he will be visiting some lesser known beautiful sights that usually are not visited by tourists, the most important stations will include: Neive, Sovana, the islands of Caprera, Ponza, and Ventotene, as well as Locorotondo, Furore, and Polignano a Mare. The person should preferably be fluent in Italian.

Thanks to Julia’s initiative, some HGGs members went on an autumnal walk in October 2023. The beautiful afternoon hike went from Neckargemünd to a view point high above the Neckar and meandered through a valley with an old mill and countless apple trees up to the castle of Dilsberg. Julia, Paul, Yomé, Sara, Rodrigo and Astrid (behind the camera) enjoyed the hike and breathtaking views on the way. Any keen hikers are invited to the next walk, which might well end with some mulled wine at a Christmas Market.



Congratulations, Hannah!

Travel-buddy

**Autumn Walk
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Winter Walk**

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