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# HGGS Winter Forum

16 JANUARY 2026

## WELCOME REMARKS

HGGS Board of Directors

Lecture Hall  
9:00 – 10:30 (s.t.)

## CERTIFICATE AWARDS

**Hui Wang**, Institute of Art History, Faculty of Philosophy

**Julia van Duijvenvoorde**, CAPAS Heidelberg & University of Amsterdam

**Karla Alvarado Romero**, HCIAS, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

**Matias Castrén**, Institute of Politics, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

**Dr. Eunice Chiu**, Institute of Education, Faculty of Behavioural and Cultural Studies

**Dr. Camilo Cuervo**, English Institute, Faculty of Modern Languages

## DOCTORAL COMMITTEE 2026

Nadja Samira Fraenkel & Eva Marie Heimers

## DOCTORAL PROJECTS

### *(i) Language, Learning, Indigenous Knowledge*

»Structural Priming as Implicit Learning driven by Prediction Errors during Second Language Acquisition in German«

**Elizaveta Savina**, Institute of German as Foreign Language  
Faculty of Modern Languages

»The Development of a Transformative Pedagogy to Integrate Africanisation in a Higher Education English Curriculum«

**Genevieve Lentz**, South-South-North Scholar at the HGGS, Global Institute for Teacher Education and Society (GITES)  
Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa

»Integration of Khasi Indigenous Knowledge and the Global Biodiversity Framework: Contestation, Adaptation, and Governance Negotiation«

**Abdullah (Robin) Rubaet Chowdhury**, Institute of Anthropology  
Faculty of Behavioural and Cultural Studies

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### *(ii) Decisions, Moods, Visions*

»Temporal Dynamics in Uncertain Choice: A Reinforcement Learning-Decision Diffusion Modelling Approach to Probabilistic Decision-Making«

**Nicola Schneider**, Psychology Institute  
Faculty of Behavioural and Cultural Studies

»Mood as a Constitutive Property of Aesthetic Objects and as an Element of Meaning in Works of Art«

**Michael Fix**, Institute of Philosophy  
Faculty of Philosophy

»Visio Dei in Augustin«

**Heindrikje Kuhs**, Theology Seminar, Church History  
Faculty of Theology

*Coffee Break*

## KEYNOTE LECTURE

»Commodified Intimacy for Women in Contemporary Japan and the Concept of Iyashi«

**Professor Marta Fanasca**, University of Bologna

**Lecture Hall**  
11:00 – 12:30

## MODERATION OF THE WINTER FORUM

**Marco Del Din & Kanya Viljoen**

The HGGS would like to thank the Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg (IWH) for hosting the HGGS Winter Forum 2026.