



KU Center for Advanced Studies “Dialogical Cultures.  
Critical Reflection Spaces for Cultural Studies and Social Sciences”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Dialogical Cultures Senior Fellowship 2025

Who we are

The KU Center for Advanced Studies “Dialogical Cultures. Critical Reflection Spaces for Cultural Studies and Social Sciences” (KU CAS) has been established as a research platform at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt to promote interdisciplinary research in the fields of cultural studies, social sciences, and the humanities. The Center is committed to advancing doctoral and postdoctoral studies as well as research projects conducted by experienced and well-established scholars. It aims at facilitating and enhancing dialogical scholarly exchange and critical debate beyond and across disciplinary boundaries and academic career stages.

KU CAS projects reflect its overall focus on dialogue and “dialogicity,” understood as a socio-cultural phenomenon, dynamic practice, and transformative process of cultural exchange under varying conflictual communicative preconditions and scenarios. Current main research areas include cultures of antiquity, (de)colonization, borders/spaces, arts and literatures within broader societal fields, as well as interrelations of genres and media. Beyond these, the Center is open to all research topics of interest and theoretical approaches under its overarching framework of “dialogical cultures.”

The Center not only offers a forum to enhance and connect excellent research across the disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, but also serves as a space for critical debate, exploration, and contestation of current issues and contexts in cultural and social studies. Thus, the KU CAS “Dialogical Cultures” fosters dialogue and contributes to the transfer of knowledge within academia and towards the public at large.

Who we are looking for

The **Dialogical Cultures Senior Fellowship** addresses experienced scholars holding either a professorship or an equivalent postdoctoral research position at a university or a research institution. For the Fellowship, qualified scholars from any field of social sciences, cultural studies, and the humanities are invited to apply without regard to gender, age or disciplinary background.

The Senior Fellowship 2025 can be applied for the maximum of four weeks between June and July 2025 or between October and December 2025.

We are looking for candidates who...

- are pursuing a **thematically and/or methodologically innovative research project** that reflects the overall interdisciplinary KU CAS research agenda and perspective of “dialogical cultures;” preference will be given to applicants with a connection to current projects at the KU CAS;
- have an **outstanding academic track record**, e.g. in terms of publications, third-party funding, participation at conferences, academic awards/prizes etc. at an international level and suitable to academic career stage;
- are presenting a convincing **plan for a third-party funding application** or another scientific **project that enriches the discussions and prospects of CAS;**



- are interested in **interdisciplinary scholarly exchange** and committed to presenting and discussing their work at joint KU CAS events and activities (brownbag meetings, colloquia, etc.);
- are committed to **extending their academic networks** and learning more about opportunities of research stays and academic careers in Germany (esp. for postdocs and international candidates).

### What we offer

- A **research residency** at a small, familial “college-like” German university, located in the picturesque historical town of Eichstätt in the heart of Bavaria, at half a distance between the metropolitan areas of Nuremberg and Munich;
- An **inspiring environment** in which to dedicate your time to your research project, (third-party funding application);
- **Full affiliation** to the KU CAS for the duration of the stay with its support infrastructure, access to the university’s research facilities and services, as well as office space and equipment;
- A **scholarship of 1.250 EUR/a week** granted for the duration of the Fellowship as a lump sum covering all costs for travel, accommodation, and subsistence, etc. (Retirement supplements or healthcare insurance allowances are not included);
- **High visibility** for your research by giving a public lecture, promoted to the KU CAS network and made available as a video recording on our website, additionally the professional production of a podcast with a conversation about your work at the KU CAS;
- **Additional support** provided by the KU International Office to assure housing and assistance in administrative matters (incl. e.g. further supplements for costs of overseas travelling);
- **German academic career support** services especially for international postdoctoral applicants in the form of workshops and mentoring tailored towards your needs and interests.

### How to apply

For the application, please submit **one single PDF-file** (max. 20 MB) to [forschungskolleg-dialogkulturen@ku.de](mailto:forschungskolleg-dialogkulturen@ku.de), including

- Statement of purpose letter (1-2 pp.), including the planned dates and duration of your stay (3-4 weeks) and indicating how the project bears upon the KU CAS research agenda;
- Description of your research project (max. 5,000 words);
- Your Curriculum Vitae including a comprehensive list of publications;

You may submit the documents in either German or English. The deadline for submitting your application is **30 April 2025**. The fellowships are awarded by decision of the KU CAS commission and on recommendation of its Academic Advisory Board.

For further information on the KU CAS, please refer to: [www.ku.de/en/research/research-infrastructure/research-institutions/ku-center-for-advanced-studies-dialogical-cultures](http://www.ku.de/en/research/research-infrastructure/research-institutions/ku-center-for-advanced-studies-dialogical-cultures).

In case of further questions, please contact Dr. Alexandra Tretakov: [forschungskolleg-dialogkulturen@ku.de](mailto:forschungskolleg-dialogkulturen@ku.de).

The KU CAS reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or out of scope, do not follow our guidelines for safeguarding good scientific practice or do not meet our quality expectations.

