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# AREAPEDIA

## AN ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA AND LIVING HANDBOOK ON AREA STUDIES

Leibniz Institute for EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

Universität Regensburg



### REPOSITIONING AREA STUDIES

Area studies has often focused on spaces "elsewhere". Our critical approach turns the area studies lens on Europe and North America as well, blurring boundaries between locations usually associated with knowledge production and those "other" spaces typically yielding empirical data. Adopting an open, translational approach, Areapedia provides a forum for conceptual, methodological and theoretical contributions from around the world.

### AREAPEDIA'S OBJECTIVES

- creating accessible, current and critical overviews of key concepts, methods and debates for area studies scholars across career stages
- intertwining conceptual and theoretical reflections with empirical insights
- prioritizing knowledge *from*, not only *on*, the regions studied
- combining scholarly rigour with open, creative and dynamic editorial processes
- examining relations between area studies and the disciplines it intersects and interacts with

### #AREA

These entries constitute the core critical glossary of the interdisciplinary living handbook. They form a toolbox of accessible reflections on key terms, concepts and methods of area studies in the broadest sense. The editors' proposed terms are supplemented by user-generated ideas.

*#space #scale #multiscalarity #multipolarity #polycentricity #augmented area studies #security #sovereignty #infrastructure dependency*

### @AREA

These entries trace diverse contemporary developments and historical practices in area studies around the world. They examine the asymmetries and instrumentalization of knowledge production that area studies has engendered but now increasingly critiques. Contributors discuss canonical works and agenda-setting institutions while giving a platform to emerging ideas as well as marginalized or overlooked periods, centres and thinkers.

### &AREA

These entries address the diverse relations of area studies to particular disciplines, examining its relevance and standing within them, something that varies across academic settings. The contributions seek cross-disciplinary understanding, laying foundations for empirical, methodological and conceptual exchanges within multidisciplinary collaborations.

*AS & International Relations*
*AS & Media Studies*

### EDITORIAL STRUCTURES & PRACTICES

- members from multiple career stages & disciplines
- single-blind peer review, following DOAJ framework
- user comments encouraged, leading to polyphonic reflections on key terms - versioning & multiples
- all content Open Access, FAIR-compliant, with DOIs and extensive metadata using OES tools

### OPEN ISSUES

- diversity & multilingualism: English global reach vs language of colonial and/or epistemic violence
- responsibility for installation, hosting, DOIs and updates - especially after end of funding period
- editorial workload and the division of responsibilities
- compatibility of OES with OJS

### WHO ARE WE? WHAT IS A LEIBNIZ SCIENCE CAMPUS (LSC)?

Leibniz ScienceCampi are a funding initiative of the Leibniz Association supporting collaboration between Leibniz institutions and universities through regional cooperation. The format's core objectives are: network, profile and capacity building; creating visible expertise hubs; interdisciplinarity and internationalization; .

The Regensburg LSC is a joint project of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) and the University of Regensburg. It examines relations between Europe and the Americas, exploring deep historical entanglements while comparing phenomena across the regions. It advances knowledge of the rapidly evolving present, including transforming security orders, economic relations and cultural frameworks. The LSC collaborates with other research initiatives to establish Regensburg as a leading area studies centre.

## GET IN TOUCH!

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