

# FROM 'EARLY ACCESS' AND 'OPEN WORLDS' TO GAME-CONS AND CLANS:

THE PRODUCTION OF SPATIALITY AND COMMUNITY IN CONTEMPORARY GAMING



**SEPTEMBER 14-16**  
**ALTES FINANZAMT ROOM 319, LAND-  
SHUTER STRASSE 4**

14.09.2022  
17:30 – 19:00 – KEYNOTE, NICO NOLDEN

15.09.2022  
10:00 – 17:00 – PANELS 1 – 4

16.09.2022  
10:00 – 13:00 – PANELS 5 – 6

**PANELS AND PROGRAM:**



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Regensburg, 14.09.2022 - 16.09.2022

Altes Finanzamt, Room 319 (3rd floor) Landshuter Straße 4, 93047 Regensburg

**Wednesday 14.09.2022**

18:30-20:00 - Informal Welcoming of Participants

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer, Speaker of the GS OSES Regensburg

Keynote: Dr. Nico Nolden, Department of History, Leibniz Universität Hannover

20:00 - Dinner in town

**Thursday 15.09.2022**

9:00 - Coffee hour and registration

10:00-11:00 - Panel 1

11:00-12:00 - Panel 2

12:00-14:00 - Lunch Break

14:00-15:00 - Panel 3

15:00-16:00 - Panel 4

16:00-17:30 - Gaming Activity

18:30 - Dinner in town

## Friday 16.09.2022

9:00 - 10:00 - Coffee hour

10:00 - 11:00 - Panel 5

11:00 - 12:30 - Panel 6

12:30 - 14:00 - Lunch and Wrap-Up Discussion

### Panels:

1) *Panel 1: Digital Spaces: People, Platforms, and Community - but in which order?*

- Yuhan Wang (University of Bristol): "Understanding how Digital Platforms Influence: An Atmosphere Approach"
- Vanesa Cotroneo (Friedrich-Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg): "Digitalization, Ludo-Narratives, and Arts Education in the Global South"
  - Moderation: Cornelius Merz

2) *Panel 2: The Roleplaying Researcher: A Profession 'of Play'?*

- Sam Scanlon (University College Dublin): "Returning to the Golden Age: Nationalism and National Narratives in World of Warcraft's Return to Classic"
- Hannah Myott (Universität Wien): "Phear and Phriendship in Phasmophobia"
  - Moderation: Jon Matlack

3) *Panel 3: Playing with and as the Protagonist and Player from a Postcolonial Perspective*

- Edward Loveman (Bournemouth University): "'It's in the Game': How FIFA Video Games (re)construct the Imperial World"
- Manoj Jayakumar (University of Hyderabad): "Playing the Imperial Gothic in Spec Ops: The Line"
  - Moderation: Cornelius Merz

4) *Panel 4: Kriegsspiele 2.0? The Commodification of Memory through 'real' and 'fake' Wars*

- Tim Kucharzewski (Stiftung Digitale Spielkultur): "Fighting a War that never was: Cold War Geopolitics as an Imaginary Space in Video Games"
- Matthias Melcher (Ludwig-Maximilian Universität): "In the 'App Store' of History: Shaping Historical Memory through Videogames in East Central Europe"
  - Moderation: Jon Matlack

5) *Panel 5: An Extremist finds a Game Lobby*

- Jon Matlack (Universität Regensburg): "Communities (Re)Re-Imagined: Player-Made Mods Circumventing the Public Square"
- Tamta Gelashvili (University of Oslo): "Radically Normal: Everyday interactions with Extremism in games"
  - Moderation: Cornelius Merz

6) *Panel 6: Between Playbour and Sexual Objectification: Practices and Contructions of Gender in Gaming*

- Tea Knežević (University of Zagreb): "Women as Nazis in Videogames: Between Fetishization and 'Demonic Evil'"
- Moritz Wischert-Zielke (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): "Gendering Place and (Dis-)Placing Gender with *Animal Crossing: New Horizons*"
- Cornelius Merz (Universität Regensburg): "Real Places, Digital Spaces"
  - Moderation: Jon Matlack