



Leibniz ScienceCampus Regensburg

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Department for Interdisciplinary
and Multiscalar Area Studies

PRIZE: CALL FOR ENTRIES

Regensburg Area Studies Prize

(Master | Staatsexamen | LL.M.)

awarded at the University of Regensburg
by the Leibniz ScienceCampus
Europa and America in the Modern World
and the Department for
Interdisciplinary and Multiscalar Area Studies (DIMAS)

Guidelines and Call for Entries | 7 January 2026
Deadline 31 December 2026

Up to three prizes (a first prize of 400 €, two equal second prizes of 200 € each) will be awarded for final papers and theses submitted as part of master's degrees, degrees in law or teaching degrees (*Masterarbeiten* and *Zulassungsarbeiten* – BA theses will not be considered). The prize recognizes students' outstanding academic achievements, while also promoting area studies as a focus of research and teaching at the University of Regensburg. The prizewinners will receive a certificate and prize money. The prizewinning theses will be considered for publication in abridged or adapted form in the Leibniz ScienceCampus' blog-journal *Frictions* www.frictions.europeamerica.de.

Area Studies explores culture, language, politics, history, media and environmental issues, as well as economic, social and legal systems and practices, in both various large-scale regions of the world and smaller-scale regions. The interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches employed in the field can be applied to the study of a single area or used to produce comparisons between spaces. North America, Latin America, and Eastern, Southeastern, Western and Southern Europe, as well as the relations between these regions, their relations to further areas of the world, and their relation to globality, form the focus of area studies research and teaching at the University of Regensburg. We particularly encourage applications from students who have explored relations, transfers, entanglements and interconnections between different regions or who have applied interdisciplinary or multiscalar approaches to the study of particular communities, issues or spaces, including virtual spaces.

Applications are welcome from any students who in the past two calendar years (2025 and 2026) submitted their final paper (master's thesis or equivalent) on a subject relevant to area studies and who have received their review(s) and grade for their final paper by the deadline. The deadline for applications is 31 December 2026. Students can nominate themselves for the prize or be nominated by their thesis supervisor(s).



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The following documents in English or German should be submitted electronically – where possible as a single PDF – to the coordinator of the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America (Dr Paul Vickers, campus@europeamerica.de):

1. the final version of the thesis together with a one-page abstract; the abstract should be in English or German;
2. all available reviews of the thesis;
3. statement demonstrating the outstanding qualities of the nominated thesis, including an **outline of the work's relevance for area studies (max. 2 pages)**; this statement can be written by a thesis supervisor or, in the case of self-nomination, by the student themselves;
4. grade transcript (including grades from a **bachelor's** degree, if applicable);
5. the nominated/applying **student's CV**.

The prize will be awarded at an event organized by DIMAS or the Leibniz ScienceCampus.

The applications will be assessed by a Prize Committee. The Prize Committee includes members the ScienceCampus, DIMAS and, potentially, external reviewers, such as members of advisory board. The applications will be treated confidentially.

If none of the works submitted is judged prize-worthy, no prize will be awarded as a result of this call. Should there be fewer than three prize-worthy submissions, the Committee reserves the right to distribute the prize money differently than outlined above.

The prize is awarded from available funding without legal obligation. The prizewinner(s) must ensure that any award is **taxed accordingly**. **The Committee's decision is final**. **Legal recourse against the decision is not possible**. The German version of this call is the binding version.

For further information regarding the prize, please contact the coordinator of the Leibniz ScienceCampus, Paul Vickers (email paul.vickers@ur.de, tel. 0941 943-5964).

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