Research Areas

CeMEAS facilitates multi-regional and multi-disciplinary research by combining expertise from various disciplines and the area studies.

One of CeMEAS’ core projects representing this approach is CETREN, an institutional framework that brings together expertise on East Asia and India. CETREN’s central theme is the »Politics of the New«. Scholars from the humanities and social sciences conduct in this network research on the most enduring topics of modernity, such as the relation between religion and secularity.

In cooperation with the Department of East Asian Studies CeMEAS also hosts the »Göttingen Lecture Series on Modern East Asia«. It provides a forum for scholars to discuss and present important issues and ongoing research projects.

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Founded in 2010, CeMEAS plays a key role in Göttingen’s strategy to strengthen research and teaching in the field of East Asian Studies. CeMEAS is committed to advancing research across campus by encouraging joint projects and collaboration with eminent scholars and institutes around the world.

One of the top research universities in Germany, the University of Göttingen provides an inspiring environment for established scholars and highly qualified young researchers of East Asia. The academic network in Göttingen is unique in its strong alliance with top-notch research institutions, such as the Göttingen Academy of Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, the Max Planck Institutes and the Academia Sinica in Taipei.

Transcending national, historical and disciplinary boundaries

CeMEAS’ primary aims are:

– to encourage and support innovative research on East Asia across disciplinary and regional boundaries

– to become the intellectual centre for a community of scholars and students dedicated to the study of East Asia

– to strengthen the presence of East Asian Studies on campus and in the community

– to build international research networks with institutions and scholars of East Asia

– to provide a wide range of resources pertaining to East Asia to scholars, students, and the general public.

A home for innovative research and teaching

Together with academic partner institutions CeMEAS develops study programs as well as research projects in fields such as history, philosophy, law, politics, linguistics, society and economics.

Our most important partners are:

– Department of East Asian Studies
– Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies
– CeMIS Centre for Modern Indian Studies
– German-Chinese Institute for Intercultural German Studies and Culture Comparison
– The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity Göttingen

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