International

The area of International networking is an important part of the work at CIAS. Thus, the management of the International Association of InterAmerican Studies is based at Bielefeld University, going hand in hand with numerous cooperation agreements with universities and research institutions throughout the Americas.

The following exchange agreements are offered within the ERASMUS program of the European Union:

- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Universidad de Alcalá de Henares
- Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao)
- Universidad de Salamanca
- Universidad de Sevilla
- Universidade do Minho (Portugal)

Especially for postgraduate students, a study abroad in a non-European country is highly recommended. Research and/or study cooperations have been established with the following universities:

- Lawrence University, Appleton
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte
- Universidad de Buenos Aires
- John Hopkins University, Baltimore
- Centro de Investigaciones sobre América del Norte – UNAM, Mexico City
- Universidad de Guadalajara
- University of Kansas
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima
- McGill University, Montreal
- Penn State University, Pennsylvania
- Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito
- Pontificia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro
- Texas A&M University

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At the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), the Americas are “thought differently”. They are considered to be shaped by a multitude of reciprocal dynamics with extensive, conflictive and at times contradictory consequences for society, culture, politics and the environment. Therefore, CIAS conducts interdisciplinary, comparative and transregional research on issues such as interculturality, identity politics and coloniality; cultural policy and mediality; social movements, integration and social transformation; migration and transnational dynamics in the Americas.

This is also reflected in several cooperations with other research projects such as the Research Network for Latin America. Starting in 2013, the activities of CIAS have also been linked with the project, “The Americas as Space of Entanglements”, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Besides these collaborative research projects, CIAS cooperates with other research centers and established graduate schools at Bielefeld University and the Faculty of Social Sciences at Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences.

The CIAS was founded in response to the fact that regional studies are increasingly confronted with interregional and intercontinental issues within the context of various dynamics of globalization. In order to actively participate in current debates on reorientation of the area studies, CIAS works alongside other organizations toward the institutionalization of area studies in German research and is involved in the new orientation of regionally conceived research associations such as CrossArea, of which CIAS is one of the founding members. Furthermore, considering the importance of area studies, CIAS is a member of traditional regional studies associations like the German Association of Research on Latin America (ADLAF).