



## COLLEGE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

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Dear reader,

The early summer at the College was packed with insightful events, most of them public and organised by our Senior Fellows and their tandem partners. We look forward to and warmly recommend the upcoming hybrid workshop on "Decolonial Ecology". Scholars from Nigeria, India, Cameroon, Uganda, Germany, and the Netherlands will discuss the entanglement of ecology and coloniality, and

how literary and cultural artists deploy neglected ecological ideas, practices, natures, as decolonial strategies. Moreover, we are pleased to present our new funding programme PostdocLab | College UA Ruhr and share an open professorship position.

## NEWS

### Announcements and updates



**Call for Applications**

**PostdocLab |**  
College UA Ruhr

Apply by 12 August 2024  
[www.college-uaruhr.de/postdoclab](http://www.college-uaruhr.de/postdoclab)

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### College Launches New Funding Programme PostdocLab

The College for Social Sciences and Humanities launches a new funding programme for excellent postdoctoral researchers from the University Alliance Ruhr working in the social sciences and humanities: the PostdocLab | College UA Ruhr.

The PostdocLab offers attractive conditions for postdocs from the UA Ruhr who are striving for a permanent career in academia and seek to expand their experience in planning and carrying out collaborative research projects. Up to three cross-university working groups, both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary, can receive funding from October 2024 until April 2026. Applications are accepted until 12 August.

[Learn more](#)



## Open Position

### Professorship "Public Social Sciences and Humanities: Key Societal Debates"

The College is seeking to fill the position of the Research Professorship (W3) "Public Social Sciences and Humanities: Key Societal Debates". Qualified candidates are welcome to apply by 19 August.

[Learn more](#)

## FEATURES

### New feature articles

In the FEATURES section, we provide insights into the activities at the College, display different perspectives within the social sciences and humanities, and spotlight individual researchers with their projects and activities.



### Event Review

#### Waste as a By-Product of Modernity

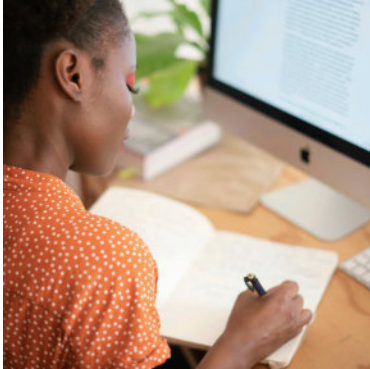
What qualifies as "waste", and who defines that? How is waste addressed in cultural studies and the arts? The panel discussion on 14 May, hosted by our Senior Fellow Małgorzata Sugiera and her tandem partner Dorota Sajewska, explored how artistic and discursive practices could help us "unmake" waste by looking for an alternative modernity to counter the naturalised binaries which still produce disposable materials, bodies, and ways of living.

[Learn more](#)

# EVENTS

July–August 2024

We cordially invite you to participate in our events and hope to see you at the College in Essen or online.

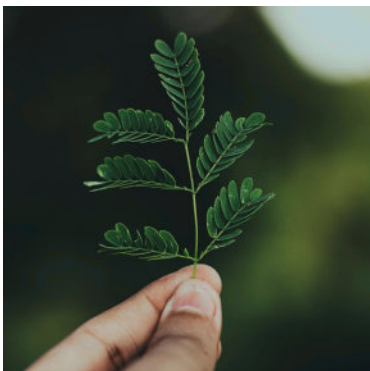


## Seminar

**Getting Funding in the Social Sciences: What I Wish I Knew & From Manuscript to Masterpiece: Getting Published in the Social Sciences**

18 July 2024 | Essen

[Learn more](#)



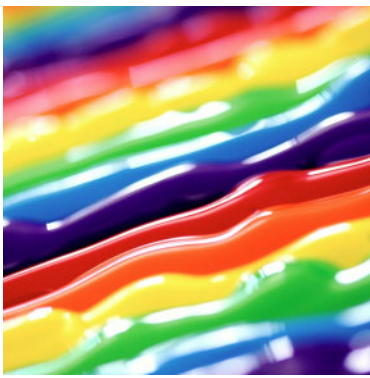
## Workshop

**Decolonial Ecology: Literary and Cultural Representations in the Global South**

25–26 July 2024 | Essen, hybrid

Please register by 21/07.

[Learn more](#)



## Workshop

LGBTQI+ People and the "Triple Nexus"  
of Development Cooperation,  
Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding

22–23 August 2024 | online

[Learn more](#)

[All events](#)

## CALLS FOR PARTICIPATION



### Call for Papers

**International Workshop:**

**Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Postcolonial English Contexts (DVPEC)**

For an international workshop planned for **6 and 7 February 2025** by Foluke Unuabonah (Redeemer's University, Nigeria), who will join the College as a Senior Fellow in autumn, and her tandem partner Christiane Meierkord (Ruhr University Bochum), we call for papers on possible presentations. The workshop aims to bring together scholars who are interested in discussing theoretical approaches, methodologies, and discourse-pragmatic items implicated in discourse-pragmatic variation in a wide variety of communicative interactions within postcolonial English contexts.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **15 October 2024**.

[Learn more](#)

## REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS (selection)

## Fashion, Image, Exile: The Rediscovery of Theatre Photographer Elli Marcus (1899–1977)



The rediscovered work of theatre photographer Elli Marcus (1899–1977) served as the starting point for a broader discussion of fashion and theatre photography in the two-day **workshop** "Mode, Bild, Exil" (Fashion, Image, Exile), which took place on 12 and 13 June. It was organised and hosted by Senior Fellow Mila Ganeva from Miami University (USA) and her tandem partner Gudrun M. König, Cultural Anthropology of Textiles at TU Dortmund University.

>> [event page with photo gallery](#)

## Reading and Book Chat with Sule Emmanuel Egya (E. E. Sule)



Our Senior Fellow Sule Emmanuel Egya from Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University (Nigeria), who is not only a scholar but also a renowned writer, shared passages of his award-winning first novel "Sterile Sky", published under his pen-name E. E. Sule, and several unpublished poems in an inspiring reading and book chat on 20 June. Barbara Buchenau (University of Duisburg-Essen) moderated the session.

>> [LinkedIn post with photos](#)

## Ambitious Goals, Sober Reality? Feminist Foreign and Development Policy Put to the Test



In an insightful and lively **panel discussion** on 25 June, organised by Senior Fellow Stephen Brown from the University of Ottawa (Canada) in cooperation with the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), experts from government and academia exchanged their views on various facets of feminist foreign and development policy, drawing on the experiences of Germany and other countries.

>> [Event page with photo gallery](#)

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## REVIEW & PREVIEW

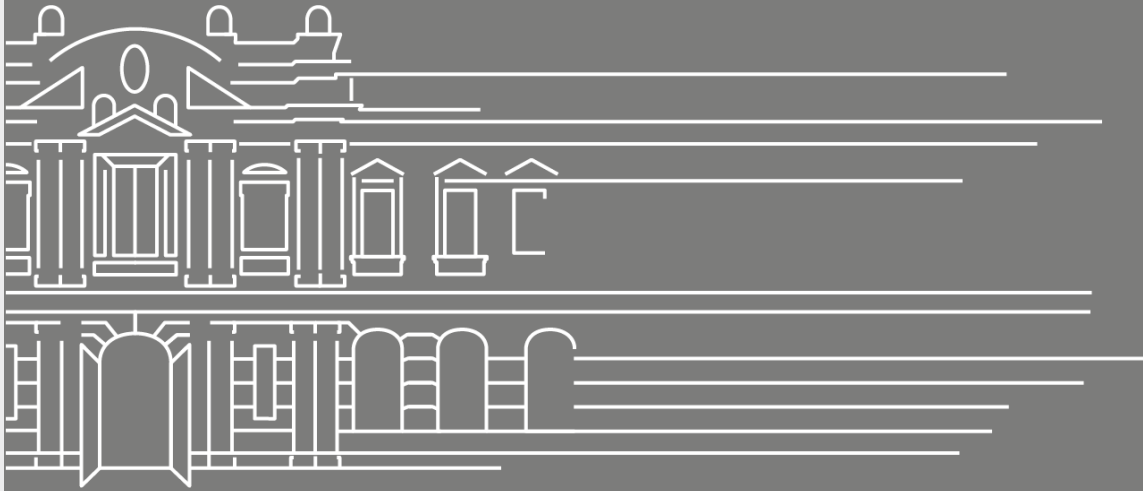
### Looking back and ahead

#### Review:

- We warmly welcome **Alexander Irmer** who joined our Managing Office as **IT Support** in June. He supports College members in IT-related matters and coordinates the systems setup. [Learn more](#)

#### Preview:

- We are already preparing for the arrival of the **winter cohort of Senior Fellows** who will begin their research stays at the College in September. Sadly, this also means we soon have to say **farewell to our first group of Fellows** – we wish all of them the best of luck and success for their further academic careers.
- The next newsletter issue is scheduled for mid-October. Meanwhile, please check our [website](#) and [LinkedIn page](#) for all current news and events.



## Feedback & Contact

We value your feedback and will gladly answer your questions.

[Contact us](#)



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