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Scholarships Awarded by the German Historical Institute London

Each year the GHIL awards a number of research grants to German postgraduate and postdoctoral students to enable them to undertake research in the UK. Scholarships are awarded for a period of up to three months, depending on the requirements of the research project. Scholarships are advertised at [<https://www.hsozkult.de>] and on the GHIL website. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, educational background, list of publications (if any), and an outline of the project, together with a reference from a supervisor confirming the relevance of the proposed archival research. Applications should be sent to stipendium@ghil.ac.uk. **Please refer to the scholarship guidelines for further information.** If you have any questions, please contact stipendium@ghil.ac.uk. German scholars present their projects and initial research findings at the GHIL Colloquium during their stay in the UK and write a report on their visit for the GHIL Blog.

In the second round of allocations for 2024 the following scholarships were awarded:

Frauke Ahrens (LMU Munich): Akteur*innen – Narrative – Strategien: Konstellationen einer transnationalen Folklore-Forschung, 1875–1905

Florian Balbiani (University of Erfurt): Swahili erforschen: Afrikanistische Sprachwissenschaft in Deutschland, Großbritannien und Ostafrika, 1843–1945

Anna Elisabeth Gehl (FU Berlin): Female Gentlemen: World War One, Shell Shock, and the Women who Volunteered

Lisa Hellriegel (University of Bremen): Sexualisierte Gewalt in der Stadt: Wandel und Kontinuität in der Rechtspraxis zu Fällen sexualisierter Gewalt, 1900–1935

Philipp Höhn (MLU Halle-Wittenberg): Maritime Gewalt, Marginalisierung und Markt im spätmittelalterlichen England

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Maya Kreiner (Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture—Simon Dubnow): Mandatory Subjects: Self-Government and Empire in Palestine, 1917–1948

Shaul Marmari (Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture—Simon Dubnow): The Global Front: The Zionist Underground Organizations Abroad, 1944–1949

Olivia Mayer (University of Kassel): Magieanschuldigungen und -anklagen gegen adlige Frauen im spätmittelalterlichen England und Frankreich

Bodo Mrozek (IfZ Munich): Der Duft der Anderen: Eine Geruchsgeschichte des 20. Jahrhunderts

Daniel Müller (University of Bonn): ‘Arming the natives and inspiring them to resist German influence’: Funktionen von Religion in kolonialer Herrschaft und indigener Resistenz am Beispiel deutscher und britischer Kolonialismen in Deutsch-Ostafrika und Tanganjika (1885–1961)

Katharina Troll (Hamburg Institute for Social Research): European Integration Rewoven: British and West German Textile Employers’ Associations and European Integration, 1958–1980

Fabian Weber (Institute for the History of the German Jews, Hamburg): Mobilisiertes Mitleid: Die ‘Schächtfrage’ in Deutschland 1945 bis 2015

Constanze Weiske (Leipzig University): The German Slave Trade in the Dutch Atlantic, c.1598–1863: A Global History

Felix Wessel (FU Berlin): From Guilds to Trade Unions: The Transformation from Craftsmen’s Guilds to Workers’ Unions in Syria, 1870–1946

Karolin Wetjen (University of Göttingen): Skalierungen von Raum und Zeit: Klimawissen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert

Visiting Scholars at the German Historical Institute London

The GHIL is delighted to welcome five visiting scholars this autumn.

Professor Paul Nolte from the Freie Universität Berlin was appointed the Gerda Henkel Visiting Professor for the academic year 2024/5. He is the sixteenth incumbent since the inception of the visiting professorship, a joint project of the Department of International History

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at the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Gerda Henkel Foundation, and the GHIL. During his time in London, he will teach at the LSE and also work on a major book project: *A New German History, c.1500 to the Present*.

On 1 October *Dr Almuth Ebke* (University of Mannheim) started her six-month Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, which is awarded by the GHIL in cooperation with the Institute of Advanced Studies at University College London. Each academic year, the fellowship offers one outstanding early-career scholar from a German university the opportunity to pursue independent research in the stimulating intellectual environment of the two host institutions. Dr Ebke will devote her time to research for a project exploring the interplay between religion and society in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Professor Chitra Joshi from the University of Delhi (retired) is a founding member of the Association of Indian Labour Historians and will be a Senior Visiting Fellow from 15 October–14 December 2024. The India Research Programme (IRP) regularly invites senior scholars from India through its Visiting Fellowship programme. The fellowships are meant for scholars who are working on our areas of research or are project partners in our research networks in India, such as ICAS:MP, and consist of a short-term residency at the GHIL. The scholars will conduct research in UK archives and libraries and contribute to the intellectual life of the GHIL, usually by giving a talk in the Institute's lecture series or at similar events and taking part in research network meetings on joint projects. Senior visiting fellows are also an integral part of the IRP's collaborations with research partners in Germany.

Dr Samira Junaid (Azim Premji University) and *Dr Jolita Zabarskaitė* (formerly Heidelberg University) are the inaugural IRP Tandem Fellows and are collaborating on a project on 'Greater India' from the perspective of South India and Malaya from the late colonial period to the early 1960s. They were at the GHIL in London in June–July 2024 and will continue their research in India (Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata) from October–December 2024. The Tandem Fellowship is a

new programme of the IRP that started in 2024. It is a collaborative programme run jointly by the GHIL/IRP and the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies, New Delhi. The fellowship is open to early-career scholars (postdocs/no later than 6 years from completion of PhD) from India and Germany whose research is situated in the broad field of the history of the British Empire and colonialism. Transcolonial perspectives are welcome. The programme aims to bring together one scholar from each of these countries to meet and exchange ideas in London and New Delhi. It offers scholars from these two countries the opportunity to spend three months in the UK and India to work on a joint research project or sub-project. The fellowship is usually advertised in June of the year preceding the start of the fellowship.

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PhD Conference 2025

The GHIL's twenty-ninth Postgraduate Research Students' Conference will take place on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 January 2025. The conference is intended for postgraduate research scholars working on German history from the Middle Ages to the present at a UK or Irish university, and aims to give participants the opportunity to present their work in progress and to discuss their research with other students working in the same field. PhD students at all stages are encouraged to apply. All participants will be expected to briefly present their research projects, but if capacity is limited, preference will be given to second- and third-year students.

A course on German palaeography is planned for the first day of the conference. Should you wish to take part, please indicate your

interest in your application. Please note that places will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application Details

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to PGconference@ghil.ac.uk by Friday 15th November 2024, and you must include the following:

- full contact details—name, address, email address, and telephone number
- the exact title of your PhD project
- the date you started your PhD project (and whether you are enrolled part- or full-time)
- the name, address, email address, and phone number of your university and supervisor
- an indication of whether you have undertaken research in Germany
- an indication of whether you wish to participate in the palaeography course scheduled for the morning of 9 January 2025

The GHIL will arrange accommodation for participants from outside the Greater London area.

Forthcoming Workshops and Conferences

Nutzen und Nachteil von Längsschnittdaten für die zeithistorische Forschung. Workshop of the Arbeitskreis Sozialdaten und Zeitgeschichte, to be held at the Werner Reimers Foundation, Bad Homburg, on 18–19 November 2024. Conveners: Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL), Kerstin Brückweh (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space), Sabine Reh (HU Berlin), and Christian Marx (IfZ Munich).

Archives, Authenticity, Authorship. Workshop of the ICAS:MP Thematic Consolidation Group ‘Constructing Alternative Pasts: (New) Sources and Methods’, to be held at the GHIL on 12–14 March 2025. Conveners:

Mallika Leuzinger (GHIL) and Mohamed Shafeeq Karinkurayil (Manipal Centre for the Humanities).

The past few decades have witnessed a new kind of archive fever. Claims to the past are being made at a remove from institutionally verified or domiciled histories, with all kinds of historical materials now circulating in the public sphere and effective in forming communities of hurt and/or hope. These developments push us to expand both our catalogue and understanding of archives, even as we broadly take the term to mean records of the past that impinge on our imaginaries of the present and the future. This workshop brings together scholars working on a range of media across spaces including the internet, the street, the cinema, and the home, to explore this construction and transformation of the archive.

In attending to the archive as a site of political, and certainly creative, activity, we are interested in claimants such as the scholar, the fan, the entrepreneur, the migrant labourer, the returnee, the citizen, the devotee, the revolutionary, and the activist. We invite speakers to focus on the strategies, practices, scripts, and aspirations these claimants develop, and to think especially about the relationship between archives, authenticity, and authorship.

Trans Sainthood in Translation. International conference to be held at the GHIL on 22–23 May 2025. Conveners: Mariana Bodnaruk (Masaryk University), Stephan Bruhn (GHIL), and Michael Eber (University of Oxford).

Trans saints – *monachoparthenoi*, saints who are initially described as female by their hagiographers, but transition to a male (often monastic) identity – are present in every late antique and medieval Christian tradition. The textual and artistic renderings of these figures offer a comparative key to conceptualizing trans bodies and trans souls across geographical and chronological boundaries. Following the insights of the ‘performative turn’ in queer and trans studies, which underscores the enactment and negotiation of gender identity through lived experiences, social practices, and narratives, this conference explores

gender and sexuality in medieval textual traditions. Taking seriously the connectivity of the Latin West, the Orthodox East, and the Islamic World in the Middle Ages, the conference adopts a transcultural and comparative approach. Highlighting both the ubiquity and multivalence of premodern trans monks is urgent work, not least to counter historically inaccurate rhetorics driven by modern-day transphobia.

Public Lectures and Round Tables

Everyday Lives of Indian Labour. A panel organized by the India Research Programme of the GHIL, to be held at the GHIL on 5 November 2024, at 5.00–7.00 p.m. Speakers: Chitra Joshi (University of Delhi), Arun Kumar (University of Nottingham), Amanda Lanzillo (University of Chicago), and Nitin Varma (HU Berlin). Convener: Indra Sengupta (GHIL).

In the 1980s and 1990s, historians of labour in India began to pay closer attention to the quotidian in the lives of India's labouring poor. This was inspired in no small part by Alf Lüdtke's concept of *Alltagsgeschichte*, or the everyday histories of the labouring classes. Chitra Joshi, Senior Visiting Fellow at the GHIL from October to December 2024, is a leading historian who since the 1990s has engaged with Lüdtke's approach, taking his argument and analysis beyond its German and Western European moorings and examining how such a perspective, applied to the study of Indian labour under colonialism, can yield deeper insights into the history of labour in colonial India and labour history in general. By using sources beyond the official archive, such as oral narratives and popular literature, her work (see, for example, her 2005 book *Lost Worlds: Indian Labour and its Forgotten Histories*) has opened up new ways of understanding the everyday worlds of the working class both at work and within the community. Her research has, in turn, inspired newer generations of scholars to explore the everyday worlds of Indian labourers and thereby substantially stretch the possibilities of the approach.

Our panel consists of scholars who have worked on quotidian histories of the labouring classes in colonial India, engaging thereby with

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Chitra Joshi's work and making significant contributions to newer, innovative approaches to the history of labour under colonialism. Arun Kumar has examined the everyday lives and aspirations of the industrial working class in India through education; Amanda Lanzillo has explored the ways in which North Indian Muslim labourers have adapted religious cultures and practices to negotiate shifting industrial regimes and forms of economic authority; and Nitin Varma has engaged with the world of domestic labour, thus focusing on a space where the world of work and the world of the home merge.

The panel will bring Chitra Joshi, Arun Kumar, Amanda Lanzillo, and Nitin Varma together to discuss the everyday in the history of work and the working classes in colonial India from the perspective of their own research. The panel aims to achieve three goals: 1) to trace the trajectory of *Alltagsgeschichte* as an approach to the history of labour from its European origins to its use in Indian labour history; 2) to trace the evolution of the approach within the historiography of Indian labour from Chitra Joshi's early work to the present; and 3) to throw light on the ways in which the historiography of Indian labour can sharpen our understanding of labour history in general.

A Weak Reich? European Perspectives on Medieval Germany in Conversation. Panel discussion with Nora Berend (University of Cambridge), Klaus Oschema (GHI Paris), and Jörg Peltzer (Heidelberg University), and chaired by Miri Rubin (Queen Mary University of London), to be held at the GHIL on 12 November 2024, at 5.30 p.m.

Royal Historical Society Lecture at the German Historical Institute London. Lecture by Roland Wenzlhuemer (LMU Munich), to be held at the GHI on 23 January 2025, at 5.30 p.m.

Interreligious Communication and Decision Making: Historical Perspectives, Modern Practices. Round table jointly organized by the GHIL and RELCOM: Interreligious Communication in and between the Latin-Christian and the Arabic-Islamic Sphere (Durham University/

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University of Tübingen), funded by the UK–German Funding Initiative in the Humanities (AHRC/DFG), to be held at the GHIL on 5 February 2025, at 5.30 p.m.

How do Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders make legal decisions? How do they look upon the religious ‘other’ and interact with them from the perspective of their religious laws? This round table brings together practising religious professionals, jurists, and scholars to hear how they deal with modern legal issues whilst considering and integrating historical legal sources.

Winners and Losers? Britain and Germany after the Second World War. Special event as part of the MWS series ‘The Ends of War’, to be held at the GHIL on 18 February 2025, at 5.30 p.m.

How do historical narratives and memories shape our understanding of national identity and collective memory? Join us for an evening with Lucy Noakes (University of Essex) and Frank Trentmann (Birkbeck, University of London) as they reflect on how the Second World War has shaped Germany and Britain since 1945. The conversation will offer insights into the ways in which the two nations navigated the aftermath of the war and redefined their identities and roles in the contemporary world.

Um Goethe betrogen: Über die anhaltende Wirkung des kulturpatriotischen Klassik-Begriffs. Wilkinson-Willoughby Lecture organized by the English Goethe Society and given by Stefan Matuschek (Friedrich Schiller University Jena), to be held at the GHIL on 8 May 2025, at 6.00 p.m. (in German).

In contrast to its European neighbours, who considered Goethe the leading Romantic, scholars of German studies in Germany treated him as a classicist against the backdrop of Romanticism. This was not for scholarly but for patriotic reasons, for the term ‘classicism’ in German studies only ostensibly denotes an epoch; in actual fact, it

expresses an ethos intended to elevate Goethe above all contemporary literature and turn him into a specifically German cultural pinnacle. This has been the subject of much discussion in the history of ideas. What has received less attention is the confusion this patriotic concept of classicism still creates today. Even if its political intentions are a thing of past, it continues to distort our understanding of Goethe.

Thinking with Blind Men and Elephants: A Dialogue on Personhood, Empires, and Unknowable Things. The sixth Thyssen Lecture, to be given by Professor Helen Tilley (Northwestern University) on 19 May 2025 at the GHIL and on 20 May 2025 at Durham University.

This talk uses the South Asian parable of ‘The Blind Men and the Elephant’ as its point of departure to explore different fault lines in the science/knowledge divide in global history. I hope to prompt debate about the nature of empires and the blind spots they produce. At the heart of the talk are pressing concerns about planetary health and human values. It builds upon comparative work in Iberian, British, Belgian, and French empires and their links to African history in order to take up points relating to languages and translation, ontologies and unknowns, and personhood and legal fictions. Some of the talk uses two works in progress as examples: an English translation of a 1910 Yoruba reference book on healing – *Ìwé Ìwòsàn* by Joseph Odùmósù (1863–1911) – and a nearly complete book exploring the global history of traditional medicine as a legal and ethnographic construct. Because students of empire must train deeply and teach broadly, the talk will invite participants to think about how to trespass across disciplines and continents judiciously. I would like to generate deeper dialogue about different kinds of human conflict and consciousness that are often overshadowed in venues of global governance, but deserve more attention from those who seek to build a more just world.

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