

Call for Applications
Cologne Summer School of Interdisciplinary Anthropology
“The Phenomenality of Material Things: Praxis – Genesis – Cognition”

The *a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities*, the *International Kolleg Morphomata* and the *Collaborative Research Centre Our Way to Europe* cordially invite you to the *Cologne Summer School of Interdisciplinary Anthropology (CSIA)* for advanced M.A.-students and PhD-students. A series of three summer schools, which will take place annually, is planned, revolving around the topic *The Phenomenality of Material Things: Praxis – Genesis – Cognition*.

The thematic orientation of the three institutions provides an innovative approach to both the *material turn* and the *practice turn*. These trends merge into a heuristic method, in accordance with the dictum “follow the actors” (Latour). The “symmetrisation” of human and non-human elements as sources of actions sharpens views on the socio-technical figuration of agency: this change of perspective provides important impulses for the revaluation of the relation between the sciences and the humanities. The reassessment of the relation of things, signs and humans has led to intense scientific controversies, which raise epistemological and anthropological questions concerning the significance of things and materiality for the constitution of humans, human practices and the phenomenality of material things.

The aim of the *Cologne Summer School of Interdisciplinary Anthropology (CSIA)* is to allow students to acquire a comprehensive account of these scientific controversies. Taking archaeology, anthropology and philosophy as disciplinary starting points, the Summer School aims at initiating a scientific debate beyond disciplinary boundaries. Disciplinary topics will thus be viewed in relation with methodological reflections: This approach enables the students of the respective disciplines to discuss their matters beyond disciplinary jargons while becoming acquainted with new research trends across thematically related disciplines. A panel for short presentations of individual research projects is scheduled.



The first Summer School of the series focuses on “Praxis” and will take place from 21 September to 26 September 2015.

All application material should be sent in one PDF file via email to:

interdisciplinary-anthropology@uni-koeln.de

Deadline: 15 May 2015

The PDF application should include:

- Letter of Motivation indicating academic experience and interest in the Summer School’s topic (max. 300 words)
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Abstract/ Outline of own research project/possible presentation at the *Cologne Summer School of Interdisciplinary Anthropology* (max. 2000 words, 1.5 spaced, with standard margins)
- Language skills: The workshop will primarily be held in English. However, at times it might be necessary to read key papers in other European languages like French and German; thus, please indicate your language skills.

Please use the following naming convention for your application file:

Lastname_Application_CSIA.pdf

Applicants who have been admitted will be notified by 12 June 2015.

In total, **20 scholarships** for travel- and accommodation expenses are available.

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