

THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

Founded in 1737, the University of Göttingen is internationally renowned for its focus on research-led teaching. Over 40 Nobel prize winners have studied, researched or taught in Göttingen. The University offers a diverse range of subjects, particularly in the Social Sciences and Humanities, and the campus is vibrant and diverse, with 13 percent of the University's students and 16 percent of its academic staff coming from abroad.



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THE CENTRE FOR MODERN INDIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN (CeMIS)

India has been a central node in global circuits of cultural exchange and trade for hundreds of years, and has long engaged the attention of European scholars. Home to around 1.3 billion people, India's importance in global politics, cultural production, and economic activity has increased exponentially over the past three decades. To analyse these profound changes, the University of Göttingen founded the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) in 2009.

With funding from the state of Lower Saxony, CeMIS has developed into a world-class centre of research and teaching focusing exclusively on this critical part of the globe. CeMIS' interdisciplinary breadth, thematic focus on difference and inequality in contemporary society, and vast range of intellectual and institutional resources make it unique among Indian Studies centres in Germany, and, indeed, throughout Europe as a whole.

RESEARCH AT CeMIS

Research at CeMIS focuses on social, economic, political, and cultural developments on the subcontinent. While CeMIS professors come from a range of disciplines – development economics, anthropology, history, political science and religious studies –, they share a thematic commitment to studying India's ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity, and its myriad forms of social, political, cultural, and economic inequality. Researchers work together in the centre's five core interdisciplinary areas: Metamorphoses of the Political, Religion, Inequality and Diversity, Labour and Capital in Modern India, and Media and Public Spheres.

Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and professors conduct individual as well as joint research, host visiting scholars, and hold conferences and workshops in conjunction with national and international partner institutions.

The centres engaging, interdisciplinary environment attracts not only students but also scholars on sabbaticals and fellowships from across the globe.

STUDY AT CEMIS

There is a close relationship between research and teaching at CeMIS. PhD candidates typically conduct field or archival research in South Asia, where they benefit from CeMIS' close connections with academic institutions and research centres in the region. Interested PhD candidates should consult the website for detailed information about projects currently being conducted by the research groups.

CeMIS also offers a German-language B.A. and an English-language M.A. programme.

CeMIS NETWORK

CeMIS has established an excellent international network and is continually developing new partnerships with research centres and universities in Europe, India and beyond. These include:

- the International Centre for Advanced Studies “Metamorphoses of the Political” (ICAS:MP) joint research project in New Delhi. Funded by Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research, ICAS:MP is an open, interdisciplinary forum for intellectual exchange that engages with global debates in the social sciences and humanities. The project partners are the Centre for Modern India at the University of Würzburg, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in New Delhi, the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt, the Max Weber Foundation in Bonn, and the German Historical Institute London (GHIL).
- the GHP Project on Access to Care for Cardiometabolic Diseases (HPACC), which is a collaboration between CeMIS and the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, the University of Heidelberg, and local partners in 27 countries. HPACC is an ambitious attempt to address care for cardiometabolic diseases and their prevention on a global scale.
- the “A New Passage to India” project. Funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), it is an exchange programme for students and researchers with 14 partner universities in India.

CeMIS also works together closely with other research centres on the Göttingen Campus, including the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, the Centre for Modern East Asian Studies, the Transregional and Global Studies Platform, the Research Centre on Poverty, Equity and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries, and the Department of Human Geography.

