



# ANNIVERSARY EVENT

10 years of the Centres of Excellence – international cooperative partnerships in research, teaching and consulting as beacons of foreign cultural, educational and scientific policy

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**The event will pursue the following aims in the key areas specified:**

- **Project results and perspectives:** The Centres of Excellence showcase German science and research abroad. Now that they have been operating for 10 years it is time to reflect on the performance, the principal achievements and the challenges of the Centres of Excellence. In addition, their plans for further development from an institutional and strategic perspective will be discussed.
- **Teaching and support for young academics:** There will be a discussion on what innovative teaching methods/models have been developed and established and how young academics are being supported. The professional and personal development of an alumna will also be presented here.
- **Effectiveness and transferability:** A discussion will take place on what advisory functions the Centres of Excellence have taken on, how they are having a wider impact in local communities and on international policy, and to what extent further projects can benefit from these experiences.
- **Research:** Criteria for successful international research projects will be outlined and consideration will be given to how international academic collaboration can be made easier.
- **Foreign cultural, educational and scientific policy/ diplomacy for sustainability:** There will be a discussion of the role that collaboration between international higher education institutions, such as the Centres of Excellence, can play in international relations and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Participants** German and international project partners and coordinators from the five Centres of Excellence currently operating; alumni of the Centres of Excellence; representatives from German and international higher education institutions (primarily from relevant DAAD-funded projects such as the Centres of Excellence in Africa); experts on foreign cultural and educational policy as well as representatives from the research organisations and the embassies.

**Venue** Asanta, Wilmersdorfer Str. 141, 10585 Berlin, Germany

**Date** 7 November 2019, 10:00 a.m.– 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner

## PROGRAMME:

10:00 a.m. **Poster presentation and registration** (with coffee)

10:45 a.m. **Musical opening**

**NoiZ guitar duo**

Tango Suite (1st movement) by Astor Piazzolla

Mallorca (barcarolle) by Isaac Albeniz

Francisco Alegre (pasodoble) by Manuel Lopez-Quiroga

11:00 a.m. **Welcome addresses**

Prof. Margret Wintermantel

DAAD President

Michelle Müntefering

Minister of State for international cultural and educational policy at the Federal Foreign Office

11:30 a.m. **10 years of the Centres of Excellence – development, successes and challenges: a short presentation of the projects' achievements and exchange in groups**

A representative from each centre will outline the main achievements of their project. Following this, small groups will discuss key issues relating to the Centres of Excellence programme.

Facilitator: Dr Anette Pieper, Director Projects, DAAD

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m.

**Workshops**

**Workshop A:**

**Innovations in teaching and support for young academics:** Best practice examples of joint project design in an intercultural context with short introductory presentations of the Center of Excellence in Research and Teaching Santiago de Chile at the Heidelberg Center Latin America (HCLA) and the East and South African-German Centre for Educational Research, Methodologies and Management (CERM-ESA), Moi-University, Kenya

Introductory speech 1: Isabela Paredes Cisneros, Alumna of HCLA

Introductory speech 2: Prof. Bernd Siebenhüner, CERM-ESA, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg

Facilitator: Kai Franke, Head of DAAD Government Liaison Office

**Workshop B:**

**Impact of the Centres of Excellence on society and policy:** Effects and wider impact on society and policy with short introductory presentations from the projects Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz, Bogotá, Colombia (CAPAZ) and German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance, Bangkok, Thailand (CPG)

Introductory speech 1: Prof. Laly Peralta, CAPAZ, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia

Introductory speech 2: Henning Glaser, Director CPG

Facilitator: Susanne Kammüller, Senior Expert Transnational Education, Transnational Education and Cooperation Programmes, DAAD

**Workshop C:**

**Diplomacy for science – the benefit of sharing the use of resources for international research projects:** Focus on research and global challenges with short introductory presentations from the projects Center of Excellence in Marine Sciences, Bogotá, Colombia (CEMarin) and German-Russian Interdisciplinary Science Center, St. Petersburg, Russia (G-RISC)

Introductory speech 1: Prof. Helmut Breitmeier, CEMarin, Justus Liebig University Gießen

Introductory speech 2: Prof. Vladimir Troyan, G-RISC, Sankt Petersburg State University

Facilitator: Hanna Cornelius, Senior Desk Officer for Centres of Excellence, DAAD

3:30 p.m.

Coffee break

- 4:00 p.m.     **Reporting back from the workshops**  
 Marcela Sánchez Vargas, CEMarin  
 Nicoline Dorn, Center of Excellence in Research and Teaching Santiago de Chile at the Heidelberg Center Latin America (HCLA), Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg  
 Prof. Marianne Braig, CAPAZ, Freie Universität Berlin  
 Facilitator: Benjamin Schmäling, Head of Transnational Education Projects in the Middle East, Africa, Latin America
- 4:30 p.m.     **Panel discussion “10 years of the Centres of Excellence – a valuable contribution to diplomacy for sustainability?”**  
 Vito Cecere, Director for Research and Academic Relations Policy and Cultural Relations Policy, Federal Foreign Office  
 Thomas Erndl, Member of the Bundestag, CDU/CSU,  
 Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy  
 HE Mr Hans-Peter Knudsen Quevedo, Colombian ambassador to Germany  
 Dr Dorothea Rüländ, Secretary General, DAAD  
 Dr Ulrich Schreiterer, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)  
 Facilitator: Dr Jan-Martin Wiarda, science and education journalist
- 6:00 p.m.     **Closing remarks**  
 Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee  
 President of the University of Gießen, Vice-President of the DAAD
- From 6:15 p.m. Dinner and end of event

Benjamin Schmäling will guide through the programme.



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