

Fulda International Autumn School 2025

The Future of Applied Social Sciences

The Program

In times of global transformation, applied social sciences play a crucial role in addressing real-world challenges - from social inequality and migration to climate change and digitalization. These complex issues require interdisciplinary perspectives and research that is closely connected to societal needs. The Fulda International Autumn School offers a space to reflect on the future of applied social sciences, to engage in critical dialogue, and to explore how research can navigate complexity and contribute to meaningful societal change.

It is designed for researchers in the social sciences - both those currently conducting research and those planning to do so in the future. It provides a collaborative environment for sharing experiences, discussing questions and data, and further developing individual research projects. In addition to group sessions and keynote lectures, three parallel methods workshops will take place over the course of the week. These workshops allow participants to delve deeper into their current or planned projects and explore their applied dimensions. Participants are encouraged to bring their own research ideas, proposals, research designs, or data to discuss and refine in an interdisciplinary setting.

When?

November 24-28, 2025

Where?

Fulda University of Applied Sciences

KEYNOTES by

Petra Dannecker
Christiane Dienel
Natascha Strobl
Anna Meiser

SESSIONS with

Judith Albrecht
Joseph Anthony
Carola Bauschke-Urban
Luisa Conti
Eva Gerharz
Mechthild Nagel
Kirsten Nazarkiewicz
Alissa Starodub

Register now by filling this form ([here](#))
and by sending it to:

fgcss-autumnschool@sk.hs-fulda.de

Participation free of charge

Monday, 24. November 2025

City Tour

2 - 4:30 pm

Optional Fulda Sightseeing Tour

Arrival

4 - 5 pm

Registration

Welcome

5 - 5:30 pm

Opening Remarks

by Eva Gerharz and Kirsten Nazarkiewicz, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Keynote I

(Hybrid Event)

5:30 - 7 pm

"Transdisciplinary Knowledge Production: Opportunities and Challenges"

by Petra Dannecker, University of Vienna

Evening

7:30 pm

Self paid Kick-Off Dinner

Tuesday, 25. November 2025

Coffee

9:30 am

Start in the Day with Coffee and Snacks

Parallel Sessions

10 - 12 pm

Workshop Option 1: Science Fiction as a future-oriented participatory action research with Alissa Starodub, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Workshop Option 2: Bringing your research to applied settings with Joseph Anthony, SUNY Cortland

Workshop Option 3: "The multimodal turn": New values and ways of learning and knowing through more than textual forms with Judith Albrecht, University of Münster

Lunch Break

12 - 2 pm

Lunch at Mensa

Interactive Plenary

2 - 4:30 pm

TBA

with Carola Bauschke-Urban, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Keynote II
(Hybrid Event)
5 - 6:30 pm

“Applied Social Sciences in Action: Working for Public Clients or for the Public Good?”
by Christiane Dienel, nexus Institute

Wednesday, 26. November 2025

Coffee
9:30 am

Start in the Day with Coffee and Snacks

Parallel Sessions
10 - 12 pm

Workshop Option 1: Science Fiction as a future-oriented participatory action research with Alissa Starodub, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Workshop Option 2: Bringing your research to applied settings with Joseph Anthony, SUNY Cortland

Workshop Option 3: “The multimodal turn”: New values and ways of learning and knowing through more than textual forms with Judith Albrecht, University of Münster

Lunch Break
12 - 2 pm

Lunch at Mensa

Interactive Plenary
2 - 4:30 pm

“Touring Sophia’s Garden: Reflections from the Field”
with Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland

Coffee Break
4:30 - 5 pm

Short Coffee Break

Keynote III
(Hybrid Event)
5 - 6:30 pm

“New Orders. Analyzing and Fighting Rising Fascism”
by Natascha Strobl

Movie Night
7 - 9 pm

Screening of “Kichobaki: What remains?”
with Judith Albrecht, University of Münster

Thursday, 27. November 2025

Coffee

9:30 am

Start in the Day with Coffee and Snacks

Parallel Sessions

10 - 12 pm

Workshop Option 1: Science Fiction as a future-oriented participatory action research with Alissa Starodub, Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Workshop Option 2: Bringing your research to applied settings with Joseph Anthony, SUNY Cortland

Workshop Option 3: "The multimodal turn": New values and ways of learning and knowing through more than textual forms with Judith Albrecht, University of Münster

Lunch Break

12 - 2 pm

Lunch at Mensa

Interactive Plenary

2 - 4:30 pm

"From Insight to Impact: Understanding and Improving Teamwork in Glocal and Virtual Contexts"
with Luisa Conti, University of Jena

Coffee Break

4:30 - 5 pm

Short Coffee Break

Keynote IV (Hybrid Event)

5 - 6:30 pm

"Interculturalising, Decolonising, and Democratising Science? Reflections from Latin America and Beyond"
by Anna Meiser, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Friday, 28. November 2025

Coffee

9:30 am

Start in the Day with Coffee and Snacks

Plenary

10 - 11 am

Summary Session: Workshops' Insights and Outcomes

Plenary
11 - 1 pm

Panel Discussion: "Navigating Complexities - Applied Social Sciences for the Future"

Lunch
1 pm

Network Lunch

**Christmas
Market**
4 pm

Optional Visit to the Fulda Christmas Market

The Fulda International Autumn School has been held annually since 2021, each year focusing on a different key theme. It brings together international experts, researchers, doctoral candidates, and students for one week in Fulda to engage in dialogue on current research and global challenges.

Organized by the Fulda Graduate Centre of Social Sciences in cooperation with the research initiative SaFe, the Autumn School offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary exchange, networking, and academic inspiration.

- *The registration form can be found ([here](#)).*
- *The keynotes are hybrid and open to the interested public upon registration.*
- *For further information, please contact Norina Fischer (norina-eliane.fischer@sk.hs-fulda.de).*