

2027/2028 Fellowships, Käte Hamburger Research Centre global dis:connect

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Fellowships at the Käte Hamburger Research Centre
global dis:connect Academic year 2027/2028

FELLOWSHIPS

The Käte Hamburger Research Centre “Dis:connectivity in processes of globalisation” (global dis:connect) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich is an international research centre that brings together scholars and artists from different disciplines to investigate historical and contemporary forms of global connectivity and disconnection. The centre is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR). Applications are invited for fellowships of between 6 and 10 months for the academic year 2027/28.

The centre explores the complex and interdependent relationships between global connections and disconnections, as well as processes of entanglement and disentanglement in both historical and contemporary contexts of globalisation. Bringing together international and transdisciplinary perspectives, global dis:connect provides a stimulating environment for collaborative research and intellectual exchange.

We invite scholars from the humanities and social sciences to apply – especially, though not exclusively, from fields such as history, theatre studies and art history. The work of the fellows should have a clear connection to the general goals of the Käte Hamburger Research Centre and deal with at least one of its guiding topics.

PROPOSALS SHOULD ENGAGE... with the concept of dis:connectivity and how it speaks to the applicant’s project and field of research. Proposals should furthermore address one or more of the following themes:

- ...the significance of different forms of dis:connectivity such as interruptions, absences or detours
- ...laboratories of dis:connectivity in which the tensions between global connections and disconnections manifest themselves (e.g. islands, borders or encampments)
- ...cultural infrastructures and their dis:connective role in globalisation
- ...temporal dis:connectivities in the context of globalisation

To find out more about the aims of the centre and its research foci, please visit the website at www.globaldisconnect.org.

PARTICIPATION IN AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE CENTRE

During your time as a fellow at global dis:connect, you have to be released from your teaching and

administrative duties at your home institution and concentrate on working on your research topic. Residence in Munich is required. You will actively participate in the events of the centre, such as the regular colloquia or the interdisciplinary reading group of the fellows, which play a central role in the exchange at the centre. You are also expected to communicate your research results on one of our publication platforms. Furthermore, there is the possibility to organise an international workshop in tandem with one or more other fellows on an overarching research topic during your stay.

LMU Munich is one of the leading universities in Europe with a history of over 500 years. It stands for demanding academic education and outstanding research. The centre is centrally located in Munich and is very easy to reach by public transport. It is excellently networked with art and cultural institutions as well as academic institutions, both nationally and internationally. As a fellow at the centre, you will benefit from the many opportunities for interdisciplinary and international exchange, both with the invited researchers and with the artists in residence at the centre.

DURATION AND CONDITIONS

Fellowships can be awarded for a period of at least 6 to a maximum of 10 months during which fellows do not have teaching and administrative obligations at their home institutions and will reside in Munich. A regular presence at the centre and active participation in its weekly events are mandatory. All fellowships commence on 1 October 2027. Please indicate the desired duration in your application.

Fellowships are paid either as an individually calculated stipend, or, if a fellow decides to keep their current salary, through compensation for a teaching buy-out at the fellow's home institution. Both options are capped by the regulations of the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space. In addition, the costs for the return journey (economy) to Munich will be reimbursed. A fully equipped workplace in a shared office is provided. Please note that the centre cannot cover living or accommodation costs beyond the compensations indicated above.

APPLICATION MODALITIES

Applications are open to post-doctoral as well as senior researchers who have already distinguished themselves with outstanding work within the thematic focus of the centre. The application must include the application form (link see below), which also includes an abstract (max. 1.500 characters), a cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of publications, and an exposé (max. 5 pages), in which you present your research project in a clear and focused manner and elaborate on its relation to the Käthe Hamburger Research Centre global dis:connect. An interdisciplinary outlook is advantageous.

Please complete the application form online (www.globaldisconnect.org/application-form) and send all other documents digitally in one PDF-file to applications.gdc@lmu.de by 26 July 2026. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of October 2026.

CONTACT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the centre please consult our website at www.globaldisconnect.org and especially the subpage <https://www.globaldisconnect.org/future-fellows/> or contact gdc@lmu.de.

Additionally, we will offer two open consultation hours via Zoom on 17 June 2026 at 9am CET and 5pm CET. If interested, please sign up for the Zoom-link via <https://www.globaldisconnect.org/registration/> until 31 May 2026.

Reference:

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