

## **Call for Paper**

**(Updated) deadline: January 25th, 2023**

**Link for Application:** <https://forms.gle/jVNAhTZgUFCyPhh28>

**For whom:** To all interested students of MA Transcultural Studies at Heidelberg University and relevant master's programmes of other universities.

## **Symposium for Transcultural Studies: “Construction and Contestation: Counterculturality from Transcultural Perspectives”**

This Symposium: “Construction and Contestation: Counter-culturality from Transcultural Perspectives” is an international event aimed at strengthening the bonds between students the master's programme for Asian and North-African Studies at Ca' Foscari University and from MA Transcultural Studies at Heidelberg University. It will give the students from both universities an opportunity to present their own research. We strive to create a stimulating international environment where students can freely exchange their ideas.

For this year, we selected counterculturality as an overarching theme. We invite submissions that discuss concepts and phenomena of countercultures in general (not specifically linked to the counterculture phenomena of the 1960s) from various perspectives and approaches. This includes, but is not limited to, ideas, political or non-political movements or cultural materials that contest, counter, disrupt or subvert mainstream cultures. One may also challenge the binary structure between ‘mainstream’ and ‘countercultures’ and suggest alternative frameworks. In order to accommodate a wide range of disciplines in this symposium, we would like to keep the definition of counter-culturality open and abstract. We encourage students to develop their own ideas of counterculturality based on their specialisations. We welcome submissions from any discipline, including interdisciplinary backgrounds which comply with the transcultural ethos or find utility in its theories, and encourage submissions that reconsider and contest classical paradigms. Our ambition is to make this event an opportunity to intertwine different

points of views regarding a single subject and to allow for the emergence of new, stimulating perspectives.

The symposium will take place on **February 23rd, 2023** and will be held in a hybrid format at the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies. Those who can attend the symposium in person in Heidelberg can give a presentation on site. Presenters who are unable to travel to Heidelberg may present online. The selected presenters will be asked to speak for a maximum of 20 minutes, and may use materials such as slides or handouts. The presentations will be divided into different panels according to their topics. The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session that will be moderated by a MA or PhD student. It is also planned that a professor or lecturer from Heidelberg University will offer a keynote lecture. We are planning to reimburse the cost for travel and accommodation for the students from Ca' Foscari University at least partially, but it is not yet guaranteed and the amount might not cover the entire cost. Selected students from Ca' Foscari University will be informed when it is confirmed.

To apply, please fill out the following google form with the title and abstract of your presentation (up to 500 words) at [<https://forms.gle/jVNAhTZgUFCyPhh28>] by **January 25th, 2023**. The applications will be reviewed anonymously by the selection committee of MA students of the student council (Fachschaftsrat) of MA Transcultural Studies at Heidelberg University. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by February 14th. The symposium will take place on **February 23rd** in a hybrid format. After the symposium, presenters will be asked to submit a paper about the contents of their presentations. Once the selection committee reviews the papers, they might be published digitally in the CATS library of Heidelberg University. If you do not wish to open your paper to the public, please state so in the application form.

Please direct any questions or inquiries to [mats@stura.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:mats@stura.uni-heidelberg.de).

We look forward to your application!

Symposium organisation team