

Katekisama Conference *Global “Global Studies”*

Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel

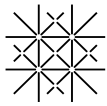
Date: 8–11 September 2026

Venue: [Institute for European Global Studies, Riehenstrasse 154, 4056 Basel](#)

Conference Programme

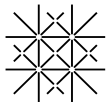
TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

10:45–11:15	Arrival, coffee	
11:15–12:30	Opening ceremony (Chair: Ralph Weber)	
	11:15–11:20	Corey Ross (Basel), Welcome
	11:20–11:40	Madeleine Herren (Basel, online), <i>Katekisama – the power and potential of global academic networking</i>
	11:40–12:30	Speeches by university leadership of Katekisama partner institutions: Birgit Münch, Vice-President for International Affairs (Bonn) Shigeto Sonoda, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia (Tokyo) Jemima Akosua Anderson, Dean of International Programs (Accra) Pedro de Abreu Dallari, Institute of International Relations (São Paulo) Primo Schär, Vice-President for Research (Basel)
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–17:30	Panel 1: Global ‘Global Studies’ (Chair: Carlotta Manz)	
	14:00–14:30	Mary Setrana Boatemaa (Accra), <i>Decentering Global Migration Studies: What does this mean for Africa?</i>
	14:30–15:00	Ralph Weber (Basel), <i>European Global Studies: Between Positionality and Relationality</i>
	15:00–15:30	Coffee break
	15:30–16:00	Arthur Roberto Capella Giannattasio (São Paulo), <i>Taking Global Seriously?: An Inquiry about Alternative Foundations of International Law</i> / José Augusto Fontoura Costa (São Paulo), <i>Legal Studies between Comparative and Global Perspectives: The Complex Paths of Transnational Law</i>
	16:00–16:30	Maximilian Mayer (Bonn), <i>What are ‘Global’ Global Studies? Considering ‘Global Marxism’ as an Example</i>
	16:30–16:40	Quick break
	16:40–17:30	Group discussion of paper by Pattajit Tangsinmunkong and Jiyeon Kim (Tokyo), <i>Mapping Global Asian Studies</i>
17:30–18:00	Conference Photo & Break	
18:00–19:30	Keynote lecture Elísio Macamo (Basel), <i>Studying Africa, Making the World Thinkable</i>	
19:30–20:30	Reception	



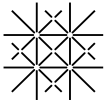
WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

09:00–12:00	Open-topic panels for PhD projects Group 1 – Orangerie (chair: Mary Setrana Boatemaa) 1. Raphaella da Silva Dias Costa (São Paulo), <i>The Saami People and the Politics of Affection through Norwegianization: An Interpretation of Museum Curatorship in Contemporary Norway</i> 2. Niamh O'Neill (Basel), <i>The Politics of Definition in Public International Law: The Case of Western Sahara</i> 3. Anna Böhmer (Bonn), <i>Smart farming and changes of agricultural policy and practice in China</i> 4. Matthias Stettler, Aziz Seedat and Ayberk Özdemir (Basel), <i>Feeding the Earth: Synthetic Fertilisers and the Remaking of Agriculture in the 19th and 20th Centuries</i> Group 2 – Seminarraum (chair: Pattajit Tangsinmunkong) 1. Arnold Larbi (Accra), <i>Return Migration and Economic Reintegration in Ghana</i> 2. Cheng Xueru (Tokyo), <i>The Power of Numbers: Numerical Prognostication in the Yijing Apocrypha</i> 3. Taniya Channa (Basel), <i>Digital Capitalism: Another Polanyi Moment?</i> 4. Xin Jin (Bonn), <i>Co-producing AI Diplomacy toward China: Germany's changing role in a reimagined international order</i>
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–15:30	Panel 2: Global China (chair: Ana Gurgel) 1. Maximilian Mayer (Bonn), <i>Global China and the Cultural Trap</i> 2. Lloyd Amoah (Accra, online), <i>Capitalist Global China or Global China?</i> 3. Arthur Roberto Capella Giannattasio (São Paulo), <i>China as a Specula Gentium: Facing the Shadows of the Rules-Based International Order</i>
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–18:00	Panel 3: Uses of History and Global History (Chair: Konomi Niimoto) 1. Pattajit Tangsinmunkong (Tokyo), <i>Which Past to Invoke: Bamboo and Lost Territories Discourses in Thai Foreign Policy</i> 2. Michele Sollai (Basel), <i>Global History and the Power of Place</i> 3. Ralph Weber (Basel), <i>On Uses of (the History of) Comparative Philosophy and Global Philosophy</i>
18:00–19:00	Break Walk to restaurant
19:00–22:00	Conference dinner Restaurant Torstübli, Riehentorstrasse 27, 4058 Basel



THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

09:00–12:00	Open-topic panels for PhD projects Group 1 – Orangerie (chair: Arthur Roberto Capella Giannattasio) - Zhu Ningjie (Bonn), <i>Digital Governance and the Reorganization of Policy Experimentation in Xi-Era China</i> - Ana Gurgel (São Paulo), <i>The Transmission of ESG Liability Across Supply Chains: Contractual Mechanisms and Global North-South Asymmetries</i> - Shubham Karmakar (Basel), <i>Chinese Public Diplomacy in the Xi Era: The Case of India</i> - Konomi Niimoto (Tokyo), <i>The Confucian Ideal of Wives in the Song Dynasty: Zhu Xi's Funerary Biographies for Women</i> Group 2 – Seminarraum (chair: Maximilian Mayer) - Ashish Naik (Basel), <i>Desert Frontiers: The Production of Emptiness from the British Raj to Decarbonisation</i> - Yu Jingjia (Tokyo), <i>Gu (古, "Antiquity") in Qin Culture of the Ming Dynasty: Perspectives from Organology and Performance Aesthetics</i> - Kwaku Obeng Effah (Accra), <i>Is Peaceful Change Possible? A Critical Perspective on the Global Order Shift</i> - Nouredine Wenger (Basel), <i>The Study of Europe in the Arab World</i>
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–15:30	Panel 4: Migration, Regional and Global (Chair: Zhu Ningjie) - Mary Setrana Boatemaa (Accra), <i>Open Borders: Narrating African Migration Governance</i> - Jiyeon Kim (Tokyo), <i>Neither Migration nor Tourism: Through the Case of 'Overseas Travel' in 1980s South Korea</i> - Shrey Kapoor (Basel), <i>Diaspora Diplomacy as Transnational Repression? Violence, Consent, and the Indian Diaspora in Switzerland</i>
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–18:30	Panel 5: Platform Technologies, Law and Global Orders (Chair: Arnold Larbi) - Rogelio Madrueño (Bonn), <i>Global Order Inc. The Private Global Turn, Structural Digital Dependence, and the New Constraints on Global Development</i> - Carlotta Manz (Basel), <i>Corporate Accountability in Digital Health: Beyond Individual Human Rights Violations</i> - José Augusto Fontoura Costa (São Paulo), <i>Penelope or Calypso? How to Keep the State and Citizens Safe in the Technological Battlefield</i> - Li Hangwei (Bonn), <i>Negotiated Digital Sovereignty and Distorted African agency: Huawei, the Mauritian State, and the Techno-Politics of Surveillance Infrastructure</i>
18:30–19:00	Break
19:00–20:00	Katekisama Steering Committee meeting Salon (Steering Committee members only)



FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

09:30–12:00

City walk of “Global Basel” and closing ceremony
(meeting point tba)