



Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen
Institute for Human Sciences

Neuankommende IWM Fellows im Juni 2025

Das Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM) heißt ab Juni drei neue Gastwissenschaftler:innen willkommen: Cas Mudde, Manuela Bojadžijev und Megan Buskey. Während ihrer Zeit am IWM verfolgen sie folgende Projekte:



Cas Mudde

University of Georgia
Juni 2025

Rethinking the Far Right

The starting point of this project builds on one of the main arguments of Mudde's 2019 book *The Far Right Today*, namely that we are currently in a different (fourth) phase of the postwar far right, which is both qualitatively and quantitatively different. Mudde did not develop this argument in detail in the book and wants to do so as part of this project. The main idea is that this

change in the far right has profound consequences for how best to study, report on, and fight it. The project consists of two parts, one focused on the change of the far right and one focused on how to respond to this change. While both are fairly big and complex questions, Mudde hopes to use his time at the IWM to think about them and engage in discussions with colleagues and guests of the Institute.



Manuela Bojadžijev

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
Juni – Juli 2025

Industry-led Migration

Migration has long been a topic of discussion in political discourse, and experiences of racism are part of the everyday life of migrant workers in Germany. Manuela Bojadžijev's research focuses on the emerging relationship between labor mobility and racism in the context of geopolitical industrial policy. In the current global climate of multiple crises and

multipolar realignments, there is an increasing call for the regionalization of production. In response to these developments, governments and the EU Commission are considering proposals for a new industrial policy, with the declared aim of strengthening their geopolitical capacity to act in regard to China, Russia, and, more recently, the US. One particular focus of the various support measures is the production of key digital technologies (semiconductors, batteries, and electric cars). It seems that, along with efforts to reduce the risks associated with global supply chains and to

develop trade relations with “trusted partners,” we are witnessing a significant shift in globalization. However, the issues of labor migration and racism, which have received limited attention in this context, are not being adequately addressed.



Megan Buskey

Schriftstellerin und unabhängige Forscherin

Juni 2025

Kyiv Frescoes: A Personal and Cultural History of Ukraine's Capital

Notably overlooked in literary nonfiction, Kyiv serves as a powerful symbol of Ukraine's diversity and complexity. During her IWM fellowship, Megan Buskey will work on a manuscript that captures episodes (or “frescoes,” in homage to Sergei Parajanov's suppressed film about wartime Kyiv) across the city's many centuries of prominence in Europe. Reflecting an interest in Ukrainian literature and art, the book will also be shaped by Buskey's long history with the city, which she first began visiting as a student more than 20 years ago. The manuscript aims to define Kyiv and Ukraine for English-language readers as more than just a site of war, but as a place with a rich and diverse history and culture that deserve to be understood on their own terms.

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