

Call for Papers

for the

Euro.Cultural.Connect-Summer Symposium 2025:

Connection.Points. Intertwined and interconnected

Organisation: Graduate School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Augsburg

Participating Universities: University of Augsburg, University of Bucharest, University of Limerick (Mary-Immaculate-College Limerick), University of Lorraine, University of Verona, University of Santiago de Compostela

Date: Tuesday, 15th – Friday, 18th July 2025

Place: University of Augsburg

In their 1976 published chapter „Rhizom“ Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari challenge traditional hierarchical structures of knowledge, advocating for a rhizomatic-model of thought that embraces multiplicity, diversity, and non-linearity: “A rhizome ceaselessly establishes connections between semiotic chains, organizations of power, and circumstances relative to the arts, sciences, and social struggles.”

Especially in our times of multiple crises and global challenges, the exploration of multidirectional connections and entanglements seems to be more important than ever. Just as a rhizome creates connections that are not limited to a single form, direction or path, and challenges traditional epistemic structures, the interdisciplinary exploration of ‘connection points’ and interconnections encourages us to think across disciplinary boundaries in order to gain new approaches and insights.

In 2025, the Graduate School for Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Augsburg invites postdocs (and advanced predocs) in the humanities and social sciences to explore complex interdisciplinary, methodological, and theoretical interconnections under the theme “Connection.Points: Intertwined and Interconnected”.

The international symposium will concentrate on current multi-perspective, multi-directional, interdisciplinary and transnational topics and theories, and explore how these approaches shape our understanding of complex social, cultural, philosophical and historical phenomena. By analyzing the connecting lines we aim to engage in the search for future solutions to interconnected problems.

We invite participants to enter into a meaningful dialogue with renowned experts in the humanities and social sciences and to develop innovative theses. Participants will have the opportunity to attend keynote lectures and workshops and to present their own current research projects. The interdisciplinary exchange intends to generate new insights and to serve as a starting point for future (international) collaborations. Through workshops, lectures and panel discussions, a space will be created where different perspectives and methodologies can converge and new knowledge can be connected.

We welcome proposals for contributions from outstanding early career researchers (postdocs and advanced predocs) on topics from all areas of the humanities and social sciences that explore entanglements, pursue previously undiscovered lines of connection and interrelationships, or engage with new methodological and theoretical connections.

Please submit your proposals (approximately 300 words) along with a short biography by 15 March 2025.

Following the symposium, it is planned to publish the results in a volume. To make it easier for participants with families to combine work and family life, we offer the option of childcare on campus during the lectures.

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