Zukunftskolleg Newsletter

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Concerning Zukunftskolleg

Relocating to Y2

January 2010 marked the beginning of a new era at the Zukunftskolleg: The Y2 building was ready for occupancy. The Zukunftskolleg Back Office moved in on 25 January 2010, and further Fellows and their work groups have already followed. Our Senior Fellows also have space and rooms available to them in Y2.

The new facilities will open up many opportunities for everyday meetings and interdisciplinary discussions in the future. Hence, Room Y 329 will become a Common Room in which Fellows and visiting scientists from the Center of Excellence “Cultural Foundations of Integration” and from the Zukunftskolleg will be able to meet and exchange ideas.

For the Back Office's new contact details, please click here:
http://cms.uni-konstanz.de/en/zukunftskolleg/contact/contact-persons/

On the occasion of the relocation to Y2 a commemorative event will be held on 23 June 2010. Besides an Open Day at Y2 accompanied by a colloquium there will be a ceremonial act in the Audimax from 5 to 7 pm.

Common Scientific Retreat

The Zukunftskolleg along with the Director and all the Fellows and staff from the Back Office will hold a Common Scientific Retreat from 23 to 25 July 2010. On the one hand, it will contribute to drawing up the future strategy of the Zukunftskolleg, while at the same time it will strengthen the communal team spirit and will help to develop new ideas for common projects.

The retreat will be held at Solitude Castle in Stuttgart, hosted by the Akademie Schloss Solitude, with which the Zukunftskolleg plans to cooperate in various projects.

News from the Executive Committee

The Jour fixe held on 22 October 2009 saw Helen Gunter elected as a new Executive Committee Member of the Zukunftskolleg. She replaces Sven Reichardt, who had served as a committee member since May 2006. The Zukunftskolleg would like to thank him for his dedication and contributions to this committee over recent years.
Executive Committee Member Iris-Tatjana Kolassa has returned from her maternal leave. The Zukunftskolleg expresses its thanks to Karsten Lambers, who kindly stood in for her.

Calls for Applications

Zukunftskolleg Mentorship 1/2010

The Mentorship Programme enables young researchers at the University of Konstanz to network with distinguished colleagues, both in Germany and from abroad, and to maintain these contacts over time. The Zukunftskolleg announces three mentorships twice a year, each with a grant of up to 4,500 euros. The closing date for the next Call for Applications is 15 April 2010. The call is published here:

http://cms.uni-konstanz.de/en/zukunftskolleg/aktuelles/calls-for-applications/

Interdisciplinary Projects

The Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz offers up to 5 Grants of 7,500 euros per year to initiate interdisciplinary research projects. The new funding programme aims to promote research collaboration within the Zukunftskolleg or between a fellow of the Zukunftskolleg and other researchers. An interdisciplinary research project gives grant holders the opportunity to identify and explore new, innovative and/or uncertain research perspectives with neighbouring disciplines and across disciplines. This framework not only facilitates expert-intensive and inspiring research but also gives funding recipients the chance to work together with distinguished scientists on developing cross-cutting methods and topics.

The grant may cover consumables, staff or the costs for a scientific retreat. This call does not conflict with the ongoing co-funding instrument of the Zukunftskolleg. Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg are invited to apply by 15 May 2010. Applications must be collaborative and include at least one applicant from the Zukunftskolleg.

More information will be published on the Zukunftskolleg website in due course.

Funding Instruments

Co-financing

The Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg approved the following co-financing applications for the period October 2009 to January 2010.

Karim Johannes Becher received funding to employ two student assistants in 2010 for his project on “Quadratic Forms and Invariants”.

Steffen Bogen and Albert-Kümmel-Schnur had follow-up financing approved for their project on “Visual Navigation” to finance their PhD students for one month in 2010.

David Ganz had co-financing approved to employ a student assistant for three months for the conference on “Das Kleid der Bilder. Bildspezifische Sinndimensionen von Kleidung in der Vormoderne”, which he is organising together with Marius Rimmele. The Fritz Thyssen Stiftung is funding the conference, which is scheduled to run from 3 to 5 April 2010.

Chiara Gianollo and Doris Penka received funding for a workshop on “Case at the interfaces of grammar” at the University of Konstanz on 4 and 5 February 2010.

Helen Gunter had funding approved to employ a student assistant for 4 months in her project on “The developmental basis of phenotypic novelty in cichlid jaws”.

Iris-Tatjana Kolassa had co-financing approved to employ a doctoral student for 2 months in her project on “Genetic polymorphisms as predictors of the risk of posttraumatic stress disorder: A study in the Nakivale refugee camp, Uganda”.


Iris-Tatjana Kolassa and Suzanne Kadereit applied successfully for the co-financing of an external one-day workshop in Ulm.

Shujun Li had his funding application for a PC approved for his project on “Secure Multimedia Computing”. He also had a grant approved to cooperate with Professor Marco Mattavelli (EPFL, Lausanne) in 2010. And he applied successfully for the financing of a development kit for research on wireless multimedia sensor networks (WMSNs) as well as for the attendance of the “14th International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security 2010”.

Marilena Manea had funding approved for scientific cooperation with Professor Gabor Mezö (Hungarian Academy of Science) in 2010 as part of her project on “Development of bioconjugates as therapeutic agents for ageing-associated diseases”. Furthermore she received co-funding for materials for the same project.

Peter Öhlschläger had the financing of travel expenses for two PhD students approved. They will have the chance to work in the lab of PD Dr. Günter Mayer, University of Bonn, who is cooperating with Peter Öhlschläger.

Tanja Rinker received co-financing for the part-time occupation of a lab technician /IT-specialist for one year for her project on “Language processing in Turkish children with German as a second language: Neurophysiological and linguistic investigations”.

Zsuzsanna Török applied successfully for the co-financing of a scientific cooperation with Professor Antonella Romano (EUI, Florence) from December 2009 to October 2010 as part of her project on “Academic reform and knowledge transfer in Hungary at the end of the eighteenth century”.

**Senior Fellowship**

The Zukunftskolleg is pleased to announce that three more nominations for senior fellowships were approved by the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg:

- Professor **Jeffrey Barrett** (University of California, Irvine, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science), nominated by Franz Huber.
- Professor **Joachim Gross** (University of Glasgow, Department of Psychology), nominated by Nathan Weisz.
- Professor **Jean-Pierre Tignol** (Université Catholique de Louvain, Department of Mathematics), nominated by Karim Becher.

**Mentorship**

The Zukunftskolleg advertised mentorship grants of up to 4,500 euros for the second time in September 2009. Congratulations to all the successful applicants:

- **Antje Lahne** (Dept. of Linguistics), Mentor: Prof. Marcel den Dikken, City University of New York, USA.
- **Diana Schmidt-Pfister** (Cluster of Excellence exc 16), Mentor: Prof. Melissa S. Anderson, University of Minnesota, USA.
- **Anja Schwarz** and **Michael Neumann** (both Dept. of Literature Science), Mentor: Prof. Michael Taussig, Columbia University, USA.
- **Brigitte Weiffen** (Dept. of Politics and Management), Mentor: Prof. Jorge Heine, Centre for International Governance Innovation and Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada.
**Scientific Retreat**

Mathias Kläui applied successfully for the financing of a scientific retreat on “Nanomagnetism – where theory, simulations and experiments join forces”.

**2009 Reinvestment Programme for Research**

The Zukunftskolleg called in summer 2009 for applications for a reinvestment programme to improve the equipment used in research. Participants could apply for instruments requiring an outlay of between 20,000 and 60,000 euros to be used by Fellows for their current research.

The following applicants were successful: Shujun Li, Jörg Hartig, Malte Drescher, Thomas Exner, Marilena Manea, Karsten Lambers, Mathias Kläui, Peter Öhlschläger, Jure Demsar, Karsten Rinke. Equipment for a new laboratory in the Y2-building was also granted, following an application by psychologists Anne Hauswald, Johanna Kissler, Iris-Tatjana Kolassa, Isabella Paul, Margarita Stolarova and Nathan Weisz together with neurolinguist Tanja Rinker.

**New Funding Programme: Interim Grant**

The Zukunftskolleg interim grant provides financial support for Fellows who have not yet been granted third-party funding in the first 18 months of their fellowship. Third-party funding is understood to mean at least one source of funding for a doctoral student for a period of two years, or alternatively, raising at least 50,000 euros of external funding.

The grant offers one-off funding for a Fellow’s current research position over a maximum of 6 months, provided the application for third-party funding has been resubmitted. This does not extend across the overall term of the fellowship.


**Events**

**Jour fixe**

The Zukunftskolleg will hold a weekly Jour fixe during the summer term 2010. During the sessions, Fellows and Senior Fellows will either report on their activity fields or invited guests will give speeches on general aspects of the academic career paths of young scientists and scholars.

The Jour fixe in the summer term 2010 will be held in room Y 311 at the usual time from 12:15h to 13:45h now that the Zukunftskolleg has moved into its new premises. The programme will be published on the Zukunftskolleg website in due course.

**Conferences**

The Department of Linguistics and the Zukunftskolleg hosted the workshop “Case at the interfaces of grammar” at the University of Konstanz from 4 to 5 February 2010, organised by Chiara Gianollo and Doris Penka. [http://ling.uni-konstanz.de/pages/home/gianollo/caseworkshop.html](http://ling.uni-konstanz.de/pages/home/gianollo/caseworkshop.html)

A mini symposium on "Neural Stem Cells - Differentiation and Applications" was held at the University of Konstanz on 2 November 2009, organised by Associated Fellow Suzanne Kadereit. [http://cms.uni-konstanz.de/fileadmin/zentral/forschung/zukunftskolleg/documents/veranstaltungen/Programm%20IRTG%20Mini-Symposium-1-1.pdf](http://cms.uni-konstanz.de/fileadmin/zentral/forschung/zukunftskolleg/documents/veranstaltungen/Programm%20IRTG%20Mini-Symposium-1-1.pdf)

Malte Drescher will organise the 5th EF-EPR Summer School on Advanced EPR Spectroscopy together with Prof. Gunnar Jeschke from ETH Zurich, Switzerland, at the University of Konstanz on 6 to 12 September 2010. [http://www.uni-konstanz.de/drescher/index.php?article_id=29&clang=0](http://www.uni-konstanz.de/drescher/index.php?article_id=29&clang=0)
Franz Huber will organise the “3rd Formal Epistemology Festival: Learning From Experience & Defeasible Reasoning” together with Eric Swanson (Michigan) and Jonathan Weisberg (Toronto). It is scheduled for 11 to 13 May, 2010 at the University of Toronto.

http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/~weisber3/3FEF/

The conference on “Changing People, Changing Brains” will be organised by Johanna Kissler, Iris-Tatjana Kolassa, Isabella Paul, Nathan Weisz, et.al. in Konstanz from 8 to 10 April 2010.


Public Science

The Zukunftskolleg will host the annual University Day of the Hegau-Bodensee-Seminar on 26 February 2010. The Hegau-Bodensee-Seminar has been promoting particularly interested lower secondary (Sec I) through to upper secondary (Sec II) school pupils and students enrolled at general grammar schools in the administrative district of Konstanz. Besides working groups and presentations, a University Day is held once a year. Sixty pupils are expected to attend this year with whom Gunhild Berg, David Ganz, Anna Lipphardt and Karsten Rinke will discuss aspects of their research work.

People

New Fellows

Four applicants succeeded in the 4th Selection Workshop held on 28 and 29 July 2009. We are delighted to welcome our new Fellows:

• Martin Bruder, previously a scientific project manager at Head Office of the German Council of Science and Humanities in Cologne. Project: "Regulatory Functions of Social Emotions in Cooperation and Competition” (Department of Psychology as from February 2010).

• Anne Hauswald, previously a postdoctoral research assistant at the Department of Psychology, University of Konstanz. Project: “Social emotions and the human mirror neuron system” (Department of Psychology as from January 2010).

• Margarita Stolarova, previously a postdoc at the Department of Psychology and a Subject Librarian for Psychology and Education at the Library of the University of Konstanz and also an Associated Fellow of the Zukunftskolleg. Projects: “Recent advances in the developmental cognitive neurosciences and what they really tell us about the care needs of children, especially of those up to three years of age” and “Early child development in the context of non-parenatal care” (Department of Psychology as from December 2009).

• Attila Tanyi, previously a researcher at the Department of Philosophy of the Stockholm University in Sweden. Project: “Morality and Overdemandingness? The Case for Authority” (Department of Philosophy as from December 2009).

New Senior Fellows

We are pleased to welcome four new Senior Fellows to the Zukunftskolleg, who have come to Konstanz since October 2009.

Irene Heim is Professor of Linguistics and Head of the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. She is one of the most renowned scholars working on the semantics of natural languages. Starting with her dissertation, she has put forward a number of very influential ideas in the field, and there is hardly a topic in semantics she has not worked on. Irene Heim’s contribution to the field of formal semantics and the syntax/semantics interface is, however, not
restricted to her own research. She has also shown great commitment in teaching and educating students and junior scholars and has influenced and shaped upcoming and future generations of semanticists. She is a co-author with A. Kratzer of one of the most influential textbooks on formal semantics, and a co-founder and co-editor (also with A. Kratzer) of the journal Natural Language Semantics.

Irene Heim will visit the University of Konstanz regularly from 2010 to 2012. During her research stays, she will collaborate with Doris Penka, who nominated Irene Heim for the Zukunftskolleg Award, and other members of the Department of Linguistics at the University of Konstanz.

In January 2010 the Zukunftskolleg was able to welcome a Dual Career Couple as Senior Fellows. PD Dr. Sabine von Heusinger is an historian at the Institute for History, University of Mannheim, while her husband, Prof. Dr. Klaus von Heusinger, is Professor and Chair of German and General Linguistics at the University of Stuttgart. They will work together at the Zukunftskolleg on a new joint project studying the constitution of social groups. The interdisciplinary research project aims to examine the relationship between social structures in an historic context and forms of linguistic expression used for defining social groups.

Recent years have seen Sabine von Heusinger focus her research priority on the guilds in Strasbourg. In a comprehensive monograph, she redefined the guilds with an analysis of more than 4000 guild members, who were found in the sources and have been entered into a database. The winner of the 2009 opus-magnum Award, Klaus von Heusinger, is an expert on the foundations of general linguistics and semantics, particularly nominal phrase semantics. In more recent research, he focuses on the semantics of proper nouns in their various manifestations.

"The project aims to look for interdisciplinary cooperation in various forms", says Klaus von Heusinger. Hence, the two alumni of the University of Konstanz not only want to collaborate with historians and linguists, but also with sociologists and computer scientists, with literary scholars and philosophers at the University of Konstanz, as well as with researchers from outside. Intensive project interaction is planned with various Fellows from the Zukunftskolleg.

The initiative to nominate the research couple for the Zukunftskolleg Award and the associated Senior Fellowship was taken by Prof. em. Dr. Gerhart von Graevenitz, who headed the Zukunftskolleg as its Director until September 2009.

Gregory A. Miller is Professor of Psychology and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He is an outstanding research scientist in his own right. He has published extensively on the psychophysiology of emotional processing, using ERP and neuroimaging methodologies, but has also contributed important papers on statistical and methodological topics. One particularly notable aspect of his work is a careful approach to mindbody and reductionistic issues in affective neuroscience. He is Past President of the Society for Psychophysiological Research.

Professor Miller has demonstrated outstanding mentorship qualities throughout his career. The list of students mentored by him and who are now first-rate scientists in their own right is extremely impressive. He embodies in his own work the spirit of collaboration that he transmits to junior scientists at all levels of training.

Gregory A. Miller is engaged in long-lasting cooperation with the Department of Psychology at the University of Konstanz. Due to this successful relationship he was awarded an honorary doctorate of the University of Konstanz, which was bestowed on him on the occasion of the Dies Academicus on 16 October 2009.
Professor Miller was jointly nominated for the Zukunftskolleg Award by Johanna Kissler, Iris-Tatjana Kolassa and Nathan Weisz.

Parting Members of the Zukunftskolleg

Daniel Legler was a Fellow at the ZWN and at the Zukunftskolleg since November 2004, working on the project "Migration of human immune cells: Towards the development of an immunotherapy against cancer". After having been a member of the Zukunftskolleg for five years, the Jour fixe held on 29 October 2009 saw Director Giovanni Galizia give Daniel Legler a warm farewell with the very best wishes.

Johanna Kissler received a warm farewell from Director Giovanni Galizia at the Jour fixe held on 4 February 2010. Her membership of the ZWN and subsequently of the Zukunftskolleg on the project "Neural representation of emotional communication" lasted from April 2003 through to January 2010.

Associated Fellow Corinna Maaß has been carrying out a postdoctoral project at New York University since January 2010.

The associated fellowship of Andreas Kuschel ended in 2009 with the submission of his dissertation.

We wish our new Alumni the very best and every success for their personal and professional future.

Approvals, Awards and Honours

Chiara Gianollo and Anna Lipphardt became members of STARS - The Stein am Rhein Symposium for Leaders of the Next Generation, an initiative of the Think Tank Thurgau (CH) in October 2009.

Julia Jones's funding application for her project on "A phylogeographic investigation of the hybrid origin of a species of swordtail fish from Mexico", scheduled to run from 1 February 2010 through to 31 January 2011, was approved by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Matteo Morganti was awarded the Dialectica Essay Prize for the paper "Ontological Priority, Fundamentality and Monism," in Dialectica, 63, 3, 271-288 (2009).

Karsten Rinke's funding application for his project: "Effects of climate warming and increased meteorological variability on large monomictic lakes – a simulation approach using ecological lake models" with a term of 36 months was approved by the DFG.

Publications


http://www.primusverlag.de/detail.php?artikel_id=124091848888

Franz Huber; Schmidt-Petri, Christoph (Eds.), Degrees of Belief , Series: Synthese Library Vol. 342 (2009), Springer Verlag.


http://www.transcript-verlag.de/ts1225/ts1225.php

Sven Reichardt was appointed as Associate Editor of the internationally A ranked Journal "Geschichte und Gesellschaft". The journal addresses the whole range of historical-socio-scientific research.


http://www.degruyter.de/cont/fb/li/detailEn.cfm?id=IS-9783110217735-1

Nathan Weisz was appointed as Associate Editor of "BMC Neuroscience", an open access journal publishing original peer-reviewed research articles on all aspects of the nervous system.

Alumni and Alumnae

Michael W. Bauer accepted the offer of a W3 Professorship of Politics and Management at the Humboldt University in Berlin on 1 October 2009. Before this, he had refused offers of professorships at the Universities of Kiel and Konstanz.

Kirsten Mahlke accepted the offer of a W3 Professorship for Romance Literary Studies with a focus on French and Hispano-American literature at the University of Heidelberg.

Philipp Treutlein was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Experimental Nanophysics with a Tenure Track at the University of Basel.

Very young scientific researchers

Kian was born on 18 October 2009. We congratulate Sonja von Aulock on the arrival of her son.

The Zukunftskolleg wishes to congratulate Daniel Legler on the birth of his son Martin Benjamin, who was born on 13 November 2009.

Maja Frieda Rinke saw the light of day on 5 December 2009. Congratulations, Karsten!

Dominik Wöll became the delighted father of his son, Luis Michael, on 16 December 2009. The Zukunftskolleg extends its warmest best wishes!

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Erratum in Newsletter No 9: The conference attended by Shujun Li was the "25th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC 2009)". The title of his paper was "On the Security of PAS".