

Center for Diversity, Media, and Law

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Dear Members and Friends of the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law,

The Center, which we call DiML in its abbreviated form, has just concluded its first full academic year of work after receiving a founding charter at the beginning of 2025. It is my happy task to report on major activities here. The Center supports research, transfer, and outreach activities at the nexus of the fields represented by its working groups in Diversity, Media, and Law.

Work on these topics has been supported by two new members of the Center, Dr. Folke Brodersen, and Madita Oeming, MA. Dr. Brodersen joined the JLU community last August after completing a PhD in sociology at the TU Berlin and holding positions at the University of Kiel and the University of Flensburg. With great verve, Dr. Brodersen has furthered the University of Giessen's and DiML's joint commitment to intersectional diversity research and advocacy during a period of increased anti-LGBTQIA+ animus with a series of publications and a new research project. To name only a few highlights, Dr. Brodersen published the co-edited (with Simon Merz) *Handbuch Queere Jugendarbeit. Was junge Queers stärkt und wie wir Offene Jugendarbeit gestalten* (etece buch, 2025), a needed resource for inclusive youth work; *Adaptive Subjekte. Linking Collaboration and Contradiction* (Springer VS Wiesbaden, 2026), with Doris Pokitsch, Stefan Röhrer, and Noemi Trucco; and, with Tamás Fütty, Juno Grenz, Helene Goetschel, Sannik Dehler, and Glen Sattler, *Geschlechterdiversität und Selbstbestimmung. Professionalisierung von Schule und Lehrkräftebildung* (Beltz, 2026), which addresses gender diversity and teacher education.



In January 2026, the project “Trans*PARI – Peer-Based Approaches in Regional, Integrated Trans* Health Care and Counseling” was launched as a collaboration between the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law, and the Queer Network of Lower Saxony (QNN), and is funded regionally by the ESF Plus. Project directors Dr. Folke Brodersen (JLU) and Robin Ivy Osterkamp (QNN) explore how peer-focused trans* counseling and health services can be developed into multi-professional, resilient, and comprehensive networks. Their work is supported by Hannah Engelmann-Gith (QNN), who acts as project coordinator and Jana Hildebrandt (SHK). The Center for Diversity, Media, and Law is responsible for the research aspect of the project, including conducting interviews with counselors, doctors, therapists, and healthcare professionals. Since April 2026, the project has organized a monthly continuing education series, called “gut beraten!” (For more information, see the [project’s website](#).).

Additionally, the Center was fortunate to have author, media and culture researcher, and sex educator Madita Oeming work with us for a year, starting in July 2025. Madita Oeming managed a project on digital porn literacy that featured the conference “Algorithms of Desire: Towards Digital Porn Literacy” on 23 and 24 October 2025, which was co-organized by DiML Directors, Professor Julian Ernst and Professor Greta Olson, and included talks by DiML PhD researcher Lilli von Stengel and Dr. Folke Brodersen. A book project by the same name, edited by Ernst, Oeming, and Olson, will be published in the Center’s book series “diversity, media, and law” in 2027. Additionally, Madita Oeming published her second trade book, *Aufgeklärt statt aufgeregt. Was Eltern heute brauchen, um ihre Kinder durch die digitale Pubertät zu begleiten* (Rowohlt, 2026), which brings research on media and sexuality



into conversation with parental concerns about digital puberty and has strong links to the Center’s foci on diversity and media literacy. Book launches and readings were held throughout Germany, and Oeming discussed the cultural significance of pornography in multiple interviews, including one for *NANO talk*. Further, Oeming and several contributors to the conference on digital porn literacy successfully secured DFG funding for a research network for interdisciplinary porn studies, which met in July 2026 for the first time. (For more information, see the [network’s website](#).)

Guest Researchers and Guest Talks

In the interest of fostering international exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration, the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law welcomed several guest researchers during the academic year. In November 2025, human rights activist Āryā Jeipea Karijo (Kenya) visited the Center. In cooperation with Dr. Mariel Reiss (Political Science, Center for Conflict Studies, Philipps University of Marburg), she held the lecture “Colonial Legacies and Today’s International Anti-LGBTIQ+ Actors in Kenya” in Olson’s lecture series “Introduction to Gender and Sexuality, Critical Race Theory and Anti-Racism, Decolonial Thought, and Disability Studies and Activism” on 13 November 2025.



In May 2026, the Center welcomed Prof. K. Allison Hammer (Coordinator of the Women,



Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) as Research Fellow for the second time. In a collaboration between the GCSC and the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law, Prof. Hammer first held a lecture on “Trans Feminism and Popular Film: Meeting the Anti-Gender Moment” on 18 May. Then, on 28 May, Prof. Hammer shared new work on “The Future of Trans Masculinity: Beyond the Manosphere” during a guest talk at the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law. It

was exciting to witness the development of Professor Hammer’s new book project on “butch.”

In July 2026, Prof. Ralph Grunewald (Mellon-Morgridge Professor of the Humanities in the Department of English and the Center for Law, Society, and Justice at the University of Giessen’s partner University of Wisconsin–Madison) joined the Center for a guest stay and held a lecture on “The New Separation of Powers: Executive Maximalism and Structural Transformation in Contemporary U.S. Law” on 13 July in Prof. Olson’s lecture series “The United States in the Twenty-First Century and after Trump.” The lecture continues work that Prof. Grunewald completed in *Law & Critique / Recht & Kritik* (Verlag Karl Alber, 2025). In

an essay on “The Mundane Tasks of Any Legal System and the Vanishing Promise of Legal Certainty,” Grunewald laments the loss of predictable legal interpretation in common law settings such as the United States. Additionally, Prof. Grunewald participated in the book launch for *Law, Narrative, and Narratology: Interdisciplinary Essays* (NYU, 2026), co-edited by Greta Olson and Simon Stern (Law, University of Toronto). The launch took place on 18 June 2026 at the 2026 Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference at DePaul University College of Law, Chicago (more information at the [conference’s website](#)).

We thank the guest researchers for their valuable work and insights and look forward to strengthening the Center’s international research networks and interdisciplinary collaborations further.

Major Milestones

The Center celebrated a second major collaborative book publication at the end of 2025 with *Law & Critique / Recht & Kritik* (Verlag Karl Alber, 2025). With an introduction by Olson and co-edited by her with Dr. Christian Schmidt (Political Philosophy, Humboldt University Berlin), Prof. Benno Zabel (Philosophy of Law, Goethe University Frankfurt), Prof. Jochen Bung (Philosophy of Law, University of Hamburg), Prof. Franziska Martensen (Political Theory, History of Ideas, University of Duisburg-Essen), and Prof. Hanna Meißner (Women and Gender Studies, ZIFG, TU Berlin), the open-access volume asks if legal critique is possible during a period of autocratic legalism, polycrisis, and “law-fare” (see [DiML publications](#); or alternatively [open access to the book](#)). In the volume, thirty authors address the ambivalent relationship between law and critique in German and English. While some perform critical race, posthumanist, decolonial, and anti-cispatriarchal criticism, others argue for the need to defend legal certainty during democratic crises. DiML member Prof. Malte-C. Gruber (Civil Law, Philosophy of Law, and Law of New Technologies) contributed with an essay on “Zwischenrufe der Rechtskritik – zugleich ein Nachruf” (Interjections in Legal Criticism – Also an Obituary), which honors the late legal theorist Rudolf Wiethölter (1929–2024) while making an impassioned call for legal criticism’s radical re-politicization.



On 23 April 2026, the Center hosted a digital book launch for *Law & Critique / Recht & Kritik* featuring contributions by Prof. Peter Goodrich (Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University), Prof. Heide Gerstenberger (Professor emeritus of Theory of Civil Society at the State at the University of Bremen), Dr. Gerlov van Engelenhoven (Postcolonial Memory and Heritage, Law & Culture, Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society), Prof. Ralph Grunewald, and Dr. Daria Bayer (Criminal Law, Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg), and moderated by Greta Olson. A recording of the launch is available [here](#).

As an example of the integration of public transfer with academic research, the project “Digital Twin and the Brain in the Cloud—When Will It Happen? And Do We Want It?” led by Prof. Malte-C. Gruber and funded by the

Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space (BMFTR), opened with the first two of five public events. One event took place at the Kongresshalle in Giessen on 29 May 2026 and can be seen in the image here. The project focusses on future “digital life” technologies, including digital twins, brain-computer interfaces, and so-called “mind uploading.” Digital twins are virtual



representations of people or bodily organs based on health data that can be used to support medical treatments. Brain-computer interfaces are used in neuro-prosthetics. And “mind uploading” refers to the hypothetical transfer of a person’s consciousness to digital systems to simulate their mental content, memories, and consciousness, and potentially enable eternal life in digital form.

Happily, another project involving Prof. Malte-C. Gruber, entitled “Critical Legal Tech” (CLT) (*Justizielle Verantwortung für digitale Rechtsverfahren*), for a research group led by Prof. Jens Puschke (Criminal Law, Criminal Trial Law, Criminology, and Medical Criminal Law, Philipps University of Marburg) was granted for the period from 1 July 2026 through 31 December 2027. The research group includes Prof. Julian Ernst (Media Pedagogy and Deputy Director DiML), Prof. Regina Kreide (Political Theory and History of Political Thought, JLU and DiML), as well as Prof. Malte-C. Gruber (Civil Law, Philosophy of Law, and Law of New Technologies, JLU and DiML), Prof. Michael Bäuerle (Jurisprudence, HöMS Giessen),

Prof. Sabine Müller-Mall (Law and Philosophy, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Center for Critical Computational Studies), Prof. Doris Schweitzer (Sociological Theory and History of Theory, Goethe University of Frankfurt), Prof. Benno Zabel (Philosophy of Law, Goethe University of Frankfurt), and Prof. Jens Puschke. Congratulations!

In other project-related news, the DFG Research Unit “Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies” (*Menschenrechtsdiskurse in der Migrationsgesellschaft, MeDiMi*), led by DiML member Prof. Jürgen Bast (Public and European Law, JLU) and Prof. Susanne Buckley-Zistel (Peace and Conflict Studies, Philipps University of Marburg, Center for Conflict Studies) completed its fourth and final research year. Project participants focused on consolidating their research findings and strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, the renewal proposal was prepared and submitted at the beginning of 2026. DiML members, Dr. Simona Adinolfi (FB 05), Prof. Michael Knipper (Global Health, Migration, and Cultural Studies in Medicine, FB 11), and Prof. Christine Wiezorek (Youth Pedagogy, FB 03), and Greta Olson (FB 05) numbered among the contributing applicants to MeDiMi 2.0, which aims to investigate the continuing role of human rights discourse in the shaping of migration societies.

During the first funding period, members of the research unit developed and refined their findings through intensive scholarly exchanges, including publishing collaborative results in



MeDiMi Working Paper No. 2 and 3, and expanding the project’s public engagement. A highlight was the international MeDiMi Conference “Humanrightization in Migration Societies,” held on 7–8 May 2026, which brought together more than forty international researchers from multiple disciplines. Additionally, associates including DiML’s PhD researcher Laura

Goller (Law), Adriana Kessler (Jurisprudence, University of Jena), Anna Arden (Comparative and European Law, Human Rights Law, JLU), Jessica Klüger (Public International Law, Human Rights Law, JLU), Dr. Mina Ibrahim (Sociology, Conflict Research, Philipps University of Marburg), Slađana Branković (Cultural and Gender Studies, Goethe University of Frankfurt), and Tasnim Jabaly (Sociology, Conflict Research, Philipps University of Marburg) developed the MeDiMi comic “Birds in Limbo,” a science communication initiative designed to make the project’s finding accessible to wider

audiences. The artwork by Egyptian artist and illustrator Amro Okacha as well as the comic can be accessed via [JLUpub](#). At the end of June 2026, the project leaders learnt that MeDiMi had successfully secured funding for a second four-year research period. Congratulations!

DiML member Prof. Christine Klappeer's (Political Science with a focus on Gender Studies, FB 03) research projects focus on connections between attacks on sexual and gender diversity, processes of democratic erosion and authoritarianism, and the contributions that feminist and queer movements make to democratic resilience and innovation. As part of the Volkswagen Foundation-funded project "[QueerDem: LGBTIQ* Movements as Agents of Democratization: Historical, Contemporary, and Future Resources for Imagining Inclusive and Diverse Democracies](#)," whose work began in March 2025, the research team conducted initial fieldwork and archival research. Preliminary findings on Pride events in smaller cities facing increased threats from the far right were presented at the European Conference on Gender and Politics in Newcastle in June 2026.

In January 2026, Prof. Klappeer's chair launched the LOEWE research cluster "[Entanglements of Anti-Feminisms: Gender, Democracy, and Authoritarianism in Entangled Modernities](#)," funded by the Hessian Ministry of Science and Research, Arts and Culture (HMWK). The initiative includes a hybrid lecture series on *Anti-/Feminism and Nationalism* and supports interdisciplinary research at the intersection of gender, democracy, and authoritarian politics.



In the following, I report on news from the three Working Groups and give an overview of the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law's activities during the past academic year. We are genuinely delighted by all of the successes of DiML members. We continue to greatly value the support of the University of Giessen in fostering cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on diversity issues, new media developments, and legal regulation.

With warm wishes for the summer,

Greta Olson

News from the Working Groups

Diversity

The DiML Working Group “Diversity” focused on the topic “Shame and Democracy: Affective Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion in Interdisciplinary Discourse.” On October 8–9, 2026, an interdisciplinary conference will take place with distinguished guests ([link to the conference program](#)). A publication and grant applications are expected to result out of the conference. The conference has been organized by Prof. Christine Klapeer (Political Science with a focus on Gender Studies, FB 03), Dr. Regina Soremski (Acting Professor of Sociology of Education, FB 03), and Dr. Jutta Hergenhan (Political Science and Scientific Director of DiML). Other JLU participants include Prof. Anja Seifert (Education, FB 03), Dr. Pinar Gümüş Mantu (Sociology of Culture, FB 03), Prof. Katrin Lehnert (German Language and Media Didactics, FB 05), Dr. Juliane Lang (Political Science, FB 03), Prof. Sophie Schmitt (Political Education, FB 03), Henning Tauche (History Education, FB 04), and Prof. Andreas Langenohl (Sociology, FB 03). The conference is being held with support from the Office for Equal Opportunities and the Antidiscrimination Officer of the JLU.

Media

The Working Group Media continued discussions about joint research perspectives, including various approaches to media critique. A publication on the “The Role of Video Streaming Platforms in Shaping Teacher Identity and Cultural Learning,” initiated by DiML members

Prof. Ivo Steininger (Teaching Anglophone Literatures and Cultures, FB 05) and Prof. Julian Ernst (Media Education, FB 03) is in progress.

The Working Group and the Center wish to heartily congratulate Prof. Dr. Anja Peltzer on her Professorship in Media Sociology at the JLU.



In addition to already mentioned law-related projects and publications, Working Group member Prof. Jan Alber (FB 05) initiated a draft proposal for a Research Training Group on “Narratives, Politics, and the Shaping of Social Realities” with DiML members Prof. Julian Ernst (Media Education, FB 03), Prof. Regina Kreide (Political Science, FB 03), Prof. Greta Olson (Cultural Studies, FB 05), and Prof. Sigrid Ruby, (Art History, FB 04) as well as Prof. Jörn Ahrens (Sociology, FB 03), Prof. Nicole Immig (Southeast European History, FB 04), Prof. Anna Ladilova (Romance Studies, Linguistics, FB 05), Prof. Kirsten von Hagen (Romance Studies, Literary Studies, FB 05), and Dr. Barbara Güldenring (English Studies, Linguistics, FB 05). Understanding narratives to be instrumental to the creation of social viewpoints and political ideologies, researchers from the prospective RTG held a workshop at the Center on 19 May 2026 that was organized by Professors Kirsten von Hagen and Sigrid Ruby. Alber and Olson plan to co-edit the resultant volume *Narratives, Politics, and the Shaping of Social Realities*.



The Working Group fostered scholarly exchange through readings and discussions of texts on post-apocalyptic law, and law and gender. The Working Group also contributed to broader collaborations: Members of the Forschungsnetzwerk “Migration und Menschenrechte”

(FMM) visited the exhibition at the former Notaufnahmelager Gießen (NAL) in November and December 2025. Further, the Global Law and the Humanities Mentorship Programme, in which DiML takes part, was launched digitally on 28 October 2025. The mentorship program brings Law and Humanities mentors and mentees together to support early career researchers in developing their profiles and navigating academic careers.

Events

The 2024-2025 academic year concluded with the “Summer Camp 2025: Techniques and Ethics of Generative AI” (8–26 September 2025), organized by Prof. Julian Ernst (DiML) in collaboration with Macquarie University, Sydney. The intensive program explored the technical foundations and ethical implications of generative AI. Later that month, Dr. Folke Brodersen contributed to the “Programmbegleitende Qualitätsentwicklung” (PROQUA) initiative for “Kultur macht stark. Bündnisse für Bildung” (23 September 2025), while Prof. Malte-C. Gruber organized the workshop “Realitätsvervielfachungen” (26 September 2025), which addressed contemporary legal and technological questions surrounding multiple realities.

October 2025 highlighted the Center’s international and interdisciplinary aims. On 10 October 2025, Prof. Olson participated in the manuscript workshop “Garcia Márquez as Law: A Study in Constituent Power and the Imagination” at Stanford University. Later that month, the Center hosted Prof. Rudolf Stark’s (Psychotherapy, FB 06, Bender Institute of Neuroimaging) keynote on “Wenn der Pornokonsum außer Kontrolle gerät – Wissenswertes zur Pornografie-Nutzungsstörung” (23 October 2025), as part of the workshop “Algorithms of Desire: Towards Digital Porn Literacy” (23–24 October 2025). The month concluded with the launch of the Global Law and the Humanities Mentorship Programme (28 October 2025).



During November and December 2025, the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law supported a series of public lectures dedicated to topics relating to gender, sexuality, anti-racism,

decolonial thought, and disability studies. Speakers included Dr. Elisabeth Lechner (American Studies, University of Vienna), who discussed body diversity and lookism (5 November 2025); Dr. Mariel Reiss (Center for Conflict Studies, Philipps University of Marburg) and Kenyan human rights activist Āryā Jeipea Karijo on colonial legacies and anti-LGBTIQ+ activism in Kenya (12 November 2025); Prof. K. Allison Hammer (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) on how art and literature can enact resistance against the erasure of trans persons (3 December 2025); Felix van Groningen, B.A., (M.A. student at the JLU) on trans and non-binary identities and advocacy (10 December 2025); and Dr. Folke Brodersen (DiML) on changing gender roles and childhood (17 December 2025). Other guest lectures included Prof. Cheryl Suzack (Batchewana First Nation, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley) on Indigenous Land Defense as well as Jesse Jamal Garip (Taunusschule Bad Camberg) and Hatice Korkmaz, M.A., ([MigraSpace Giessen](#)) on Racisms and Resistance in German schools and society. These lectures highlight the Center's commitment to socially engaged scholarship.



A further highlight in December was the Center's contribution to the nationwide *#4GenderStudies Action Day* on 16 December 2025. Organized by DiML members Dr. Jutta Hergenhan, Prof. Christine Klappeer, and Prof. Greta Olson, the event combined a discussion of the significance of gender studies with book launches for Dr. Folke Brodersen's *Handbuch Queere Jugendarbeit* (etece buch, 2025), and Tarek Shukrallah's *Nicht die Ersten. Bewegungsgeschichten von Queers of Color in Deutschland* (Assoziation A, 2025).

In December 2025, the Center's deputy director Prof. Julian Ernst published the call for papers "KI als Gegenüber – KI-Chatbots im Alltag junger Menschen und ihre pädagogischen Kontexte," inviting scholarly engagement with the growing role of AI chatbots in young people's everyday lives.

New Year 2026 began with DiML members' engagements outside of the university. On 28 January 2026, Prof. Julian Ernst participated in the Hessian State Parliament's *Jugend debattiert* program and spoke from a media education perspective about political communication and democratic participation (© Hessischer Landtag). Prof. Greta Olson

provided an interview about Alex Pretti's shooting by ICE agents on 24 January 2026 for the hr-Info podcast "Minneapolis: Sprengkraft für den gesellschaftlichen Frieden in den USA." On a related topic, she held the keynote "After Minneapolis: Outrage and Tropes of Victimhood in the Polycrisis" at the Giessen Centre for the Study of Culture on 3 February 2026.



On 29 January 2026, MeDiMi researcher Dr. Simona Adinolfi and Prof. Olson presented a guest lecture on "The Affective Resonances of Images of Migration versus Migrants' Human Rights" at the University of Osnabrück as part of the lecture series "Writing Rights: Law, Literature, and the Subject on the Move." Dr. Jutta Hergenhan and Henning Tauche gave a lecture on "Habitus und Kapital in der digitalisierten Klassengesellschaft" at the lecture series "Soziale Ungleichheit, Klasse und Digitalität," organized by Prof. Nina Grünberger and Susanne Pawlewicz (Education in the Context of Digitality) at the Technical University of Darmstadt (11 February 2026). On 27 February, DiML member Prof. Michael Knipper appeared before the Hessian State Parliament in Wiesbaden at a hearing about measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prof. Knipper expressed concern that the measures and the public communication about them had not systematically addressed the socioeconomic and linguistic diversity of Germany's population. Dr. Folke Brodersen presented research on materialist social theory at the joint spring conference of the Women and Gender Studies and Sociological Theory sections of the German Sociological Association (12–13 March 2026).



In addition to the book launch for *Law & Critique / Recht & Critique* on 23 April 2026, the Center hosted a guest lecture by Associate Professors Heloise Weber and Martin Weber (Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland) on "Violent Political Ordering: Colonial Capitalism, Migration and 'Replacement Theory'" (28 April 2026). Part of Prof. Olson's lecture series "The United States in the Twenty-First Century and after

Trump,” the lecture was organized by Professors Christine Klappeer and Regina Kreide (FB 03).

May 2026 marked the Center’s most busy month, beginning with the international conference that concluded the first funding phase of the DFG Research Unit “Human Rights Discourses in a Migration Society” (MeDiMi) on 7–8 May 2026, (see the [conference website](#) for more information). Throughout the month of May, the Center hosted guest lectures, including PhD researcher Janina Schlüsselburg (University of New South Wales) on challenging the white gaze in visualizations of migration on 11 May, and Prof. K. Allison Hammer’s talks on 18 and 28 May. The Center took part in the online workshop of the Global Law and the Humanities Mentorship Programme on 13 May. Additionally, the DiML General Assembly took place and the Board of Directors met on 20 May. Prof. Malte-C. Gruber’s public event for the “[Digital Twin](#)” project took place in the Kongresshalle Giessen on 29 May.

The academic year concluded with a series of international events in June and July 2026. June featured guest lectures by Dr. Sara Polak (American Studies, Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society) on Trump, play, and U.S. politics (8 June). Organized and moderated by Prof. Regina Kreide (Political Theory and History of Political Thought), a panel on *What Does Fascism Mean Today?* with Professors Paula Diehl (Political Theory, History of Ideas and Political Culture, University of Kiel), Bill Scheuerman (Political Science, Indiana University Bloomington), and Greta Olson (DiML) took place as part of the nation-wide *Wissenschaft gegen Faschismus* university program (9 June). The public-facing activities continued with the *Humanities for Humans* panel on “Reading Images in the Age of AI” with Prof. Greta Olson, Dr. Elisabeth Lechner (American Studies, University of Vienna) and Prof. Irene Kacendes (German Studies and Comparative Literature, Dartmouth College) on 11 June, which was hosted by the Walter de Gruyter Foundation and 1040, Space for Ideas, in Berlin. Further, Prof. Olson and Prof. Grunewald participated in the book launch for *Law, Narrative, and Narratology: Interdisciplinary Essays* (18 June 2026) and took part in panel talks on



Teaching Law and Literature at the 2026 Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference (17 June 2026) at DePaul University College of Law, Chicago.

On 22 June 2026, the event “Gender-Sensitive Emergency Medicine—Precision Medicine under Time Pressure” took place as part of Prof. Michael Knipper’s seminar “Does Patriarchy Make Us Sick?—Gender Studies Perspectives on Medicine and the History of Medicine.” Dr. med. Julia Lorenz (Frankfurt University Hospital) spoke about gender-sensitive emergency medicine at the open topic evening. They were supported by Sophie Wagner, a doctoral candidate at the GCSC, who is being supervised by DiML member Prof. Christine Klappe.

The Center’s research director Dr. Jutta Hergenhan moderated the GERDEA event “Rechte Einfallstore in den sozio-ökonomischen Verhältnissen: Zur Bedeutung extrem rechter Zugriffe auf Sozial-, Familien- und Arbeitsmarktpolitiken” on 1 July 2026. Building on the GERDEA project’s research into biographical factors that contribute to conservative and right-wing positions on gender politics and their representation on social media, the event asked why right-wing narratives concerning social, family, and labor market policies resonate so strongly with broad segments of the population, including young adults. GERDEA’s Principal Investigators are Dr. Marie Reusch-Kypke and Dr. Juliane Lang (Political Science, JLU Giessen).



Cassandra Ventura,” which was co-authored by von Stengel and Olson (in print, Edward Elgar, 2026).

Prof. Ralph Grunewald (University of Wisconsin–Madison) concluded the 2025-2026 academic year’s event program

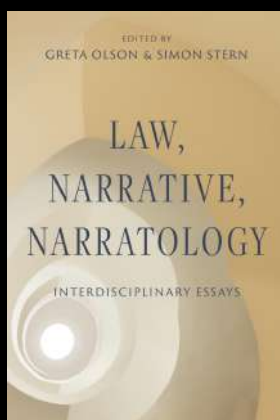
Prof. Greta Olson participated in the Critical Times international summer school at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies – lucernaiuris – at the University of Lucerne (6–10 July). There, with DiML PhD researcher Lilli von Stengel, she facilitated a session on “Bodies as Borders and as Sites of Legal Struggle,” using “The New Misogynies and Popular Legality – The Trials by TikTok of Amber Heard, Blake Lively, and



with his guest lecture “The New Separation of Powers: Executive Maximalism and Structural Transformation in Contemporary U.S. Law” on 13 July 2026.

Upcoming Events and Publications

In the coming academic year, the Center will initiate a number of interdisciplinary, transfer events and collaborative publications. In August 2026, *Law, Narrative, and Narratology: Interdisciplinary Essays* will be published with New York University Press. Co-edited by Greta Olson and Simon Stern, the volume investigates narratological issues across national and legal-systemic boundaries. *Law, Narrative, and Narratology* combines work by Center



member Olson with that of associated researchers such as Prof. Ralph Grunewald (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Professor Andreas von Arnould (Public Law, Public International and European Law, University of Kiel and Walther Schücking Institute for International Law), whose essay on “Narrating Extraterritoriality: The European Court of Human Rights and Military Action of Convention States Abroad” was presented as a MeDiMi Lecture in November 2024 (Research Group MeDiMi, [“MeDiMi Lecture | Andreas von Arnould: Courts as Storytellers?”](#) Research Group MeDiMi, November 20, 2024, 00:00:00 to 01:30:05).

On 8–9 October 2026, DiML members Prof. Christine Klapeer, Dr. Regina Soremski, and Dr. Jutta Hergenhan will participate in the conference [“Shame and Democracy: Affective Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion in Interdisciplinary Discourse”](#) at the University of Giessen. The conference examines the role of shame and other affects in social inclusion and exclusion processes from interdisciplinary perspectives. On October 21-22, Professors Malte-C. Gruber (FB 01), Regina Kreide (FB 03, and Greta Olson (FB 05) will hold a workshop at the Center of Diversity, Media, and Law on “Artificial Intelligence and Protest in Times of Polycrisis.”



Several collaborative publications are forthcoming. Transcript will publish Volume 2 and Volume 3 of the “diversity, media, and law” series. Volume 2 comprises *Sprache als Kampffeld autoritärer Geschlechterpolitiken*, edited by Dr. Jutta Hergenhan, Prof. Christine Klapeer, Dr. Johanna Leinius (Cornelia-Goethe-Center for Gender Studies, University of Frankfurt), and Dr. Inga Nüthen (International Gender Policy and Qualitative Methods, University of Kassel). The collection of essays marks the result of a conference on “Forschungstagung: Sprachpolitiken als (de-)demokratisierende Geschlechterpolitiken? Aktuelle Auseinandersetzungen um geschlechtergerechte und geschlechterdiverse Schreibweisen” that was held at the University of Giessen in October 2024. It is also the happy result of cooperation by the Forscher*innennetzwerk in der Geschlechterforschung Hessen. Volume 3 comprises the already mentioned *Algorithms of Desire: Towards Digital Porn Literacy*, edited by Prof. Julian Ernst, Madita Oeming, and Prof. Greta Olson, and featuring essays by DiML members Dr. Folke Brodersen, Lilli von Stengel, and Prof. Anja Peltzer.