Würzburg Centre for Modern India (WCMI)

Within the innovative exchange program “A New Passage to India”, administered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and funded by the Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), two program lines were granted to the University of Würzburg in 2010:

• A “Würzburg Centre for Modern India” (WCMI), facilitating extensive academic exchange with Indian partner universities by inviting Indian faculty for teaching and research at Würzburg
• A “Mobility Program”, to support students and doctoral researchers conducting research at partner institutions in India

After the initial successful four years, the program has recently been extended by another three years up to December 2017 (Mobility Program up to Dec. 2015). Coordinated by the Chair of Indology, the project meanwhile involves ten chairs and four faculties at University of Würzburg; simultaneously, the number of participating Indian universities has grown to now ten partner institutions.

As an interdisciplinary initiative, the Würzburg Centre for Modern India promotes a wide range of India related research interests and teaching activities, with a focus on cultural, political, social, economic and legal sciences. In addition to a fruitful exchange with Indian scholars, a common research platform has evolved at CMI Würzburg on “Performing Gender - Negotiating Space in Civil Society”.

WCMI: Cooperative Network at University of Würzburg

Partners at the University of Würzburg are

• Chair of Indology, Institute for Cultural Studies of East and South Asia
• Department of English Literature and Cultural Studies, Institute for Modern Languages
• Institute for German Philology, Digital Humanities
• Institute for Political Science and Sociology
  1. International Relations and European Studies
  2. Political Theory
• Institute for Business Management, Faculty of Economics, in cooperation with the Department of International Management, School of Business and Economics, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen Nürnberg
• Institute for Special Education
• Institute for Education, Department of Adult and Continuing Education
• Faculty of Law
• Interfaculty teaching project “Global Systems and Intercultural Competence”

WCMI: Indian Partner Institutions

Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) of University of Würzburg with Indian Universities/Research Institutions, as well as long-standing individual collaboration with Indian scholars provide a profound basis for connecting the “Würzburg Centre for Modern India” with the latest developments in Indian research and facilitate joint research projects. The invitation of guest faculty aims at a mutually enhanced value in teaching, research and syllabi for all partners involved.

University of Würzburg: Partners in India

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
University of Hyderabad
National Folklore Support Centre, Chennai
Kannada University, Hampi
Mangalore University
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
TIFR National Center for Biological Sciences (NCBS), B’lore
TIFR Centre For Applicable Mathematics, Bangalore
West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences
Mobility Program

More than fifty young Würzburg scholars from various research backgrounds visited India since 2010, and since 2013, there is a funding scheme for young Indian scholars to study at Würzburg, too! Interested? Check:
http://tinyurl.com/go-india-ger (for Germans)
http://tinyurl.com/go-india-eng (for Indians)

„Due to my stay in India, my textual studies were enriched by real life experience and personal encounters.” (Pauline, Würzburg)

„The fellowship has provided me an opportunity to explore and share academic, cultural and social experiences.” (Chetan, Bangalore)

„It was fascinating to explore the cultural diversity, the vibrancy and dynamics of India. Due to the large differences within India, I realized that India should not be seen as a country but rather as a continent.” (Daniel, Würzburg)

„The DAAD fund enabled us straightforward to find our own passage to India.” (Franziska, Nürnberg)

„Thanks to the funding I was able to make considerable progress with my research project. The bureaucratic procedure was quick and easy and allowed me to completely focus on my work.” (Lisa, Würzburg)

Promoting India at Würzburg

• Invite outstanding Indian researchers to Würzburg
• Support young Würzburg scholars to acquire India competence
• Inclusion of more chairs and faculties in the academic exchange with India
• Development of new interdisciplinary study programs with a focus on India
• Provide a platform for India related research interests and intercultural communication

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