

# Agreements and network

More than 35 agreements with universities in Latin America, as well as our numerous contacts and collaborations in the area enable close international research cooperation. These ties are reflected in a variety of ways, such as in the exchange of students and lecturers, joint publications, and collaborative research projects.



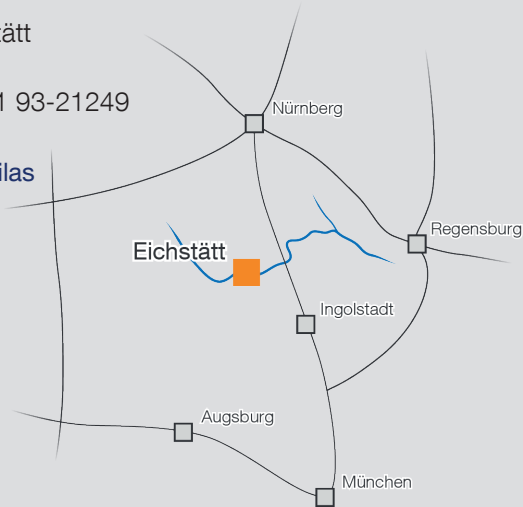
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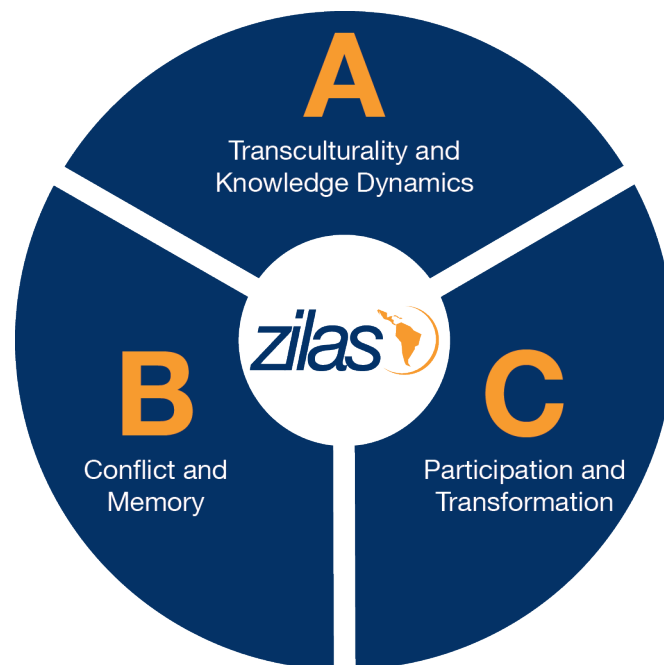
The Center for Latin American Studies (ZILAS), founded in 1986, is the only university center for Latin American area studies in southern Germany.

## Primary objectives

ZILAS aims to contribute to the understanding of social aspects and historical and current cultural phenomena in societies of different Latin American countries. Along with faculties of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) and national and international external actors, it organizes and coordinates various academic events about the region.

## Interdisciplinary approach

We believe interdisciplinary cooperation is the most appropriate way to meet our objectives. The disciplines at the KU currently specializing in the region are political science, human geography, history, literature, linguistics, theology, and social work.



The goal of ZILAS has always been to cooperate directly with researchers and universities in Latin America. During the three decades of the center's existence, a large number of international congresses has been organized, various research projects have been realized and dozens of publications have been edited, largely within the framework of our series Americana Eystettensia and Mesa Redonda, which is jointly published with other German universities doing research on the region. Current research activities in Eichstätt focus on the research project lines outlined in the diagram above. Each of them includes projects from different scientific disciplines. For more information, see [www.ku.de/en/research/centers/zilas/research](http://www.ku.de/en/research/centers/zilas/research).

## BA Latin American Studies

ZILAS has been offering a Bachelor's degree program in Latin American Studies since 2007. Thanks to the combination of specific regional emphases in political science, geography, history, literature and linguistics, students of the program are able to construct a critical vision of Latin American societies.

## MA Conflict, Memory and Peace

Since 2018, the binational Master's degree program Conflict, Memory and Peace is completing our range of courses. This program runs in collaboration with our partner Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia and is co-funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

It is of vital importance to us to train young academics and professionals. Our graduates are working in development cooperation, international business, and political consulting, or have opted for an academic career in or with a focus on Latin America.



Our specialization in Latin American studies provides opportunities to deal with the complex political, economic, and cultural relations that link this region with Europe. Promoting scientific and public interest in Latin America is an essential goal of our center.

Since the establishment of ZILAS, there have been several field trips to the region, exhibitions and information seminars in educational institutions.

We also provide other services for the general public such as

- advising and informing political organizations and the press,
- workshops,
- lecture series,
- an annual themed week focusing on one Latin American country,
- an annual Latin American Film Festival.



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