
KWI Welcomes New Fellows

This April, we are delighted to welcome our new group of fellows. Six researchers will join us for the next six months. To encourage collaborations between our guests and members of the UA Ruhr, we would appreciate it if you could share this press release within your networks. If you are interested in connecting with our fellows or have any questions, please write to Dr. Ricarda Menn at ricarda.menn@kwi-nrw.de.

OLIVIA GLAZE is a medical humanities scholar whose research explores the narration of experiences of illness, trauma, and disability. She received her PhD in modern and medieval languages from the University of Oxford. At KWI, Olivia will begin a new project entitled *Disability and Difference: Relocating “Crip” Identities in Twentieth-Century Portuguese-Speaking Literature and Film*.

MATTHEW HOLMES is a historian of science and the environment. He received his PhD from the University of Leeds and has held postdoctoral positions at the University of Cambridge and the University of Stavanger. At KWI, Matthew will work on his second book project, *Avian Engineers: Animal Minds and Technology in America*.

CIARÁN KAVANAGH completed his PhD in English literature at University College Cork. This research forms the basis of his forthcoming book, *Refiguring Reader-Response: Experience and Interpretation in Contemporary Fiction*. His project at KWI, *In Search of Awe*, investigates the powerful emotion of awe in contemporary science and speculative fiction.

FLORAMANTE SJ PONCE is a social anthropologist. At KWI, he will be part of the international *CryoCultures* research project. He plans to develop papers on the climate politics of artificial cooling among refrigerator users displaced by Chinese hydropower in northern Laos, as well as on the effects of air conditioners among young Laotian scammers in the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone.

ALEXANDRIA N. RUBLE is an assistant professor of European history at the University of Idaho. She earned her PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her KWI project, *Perpetual Prisoners: The Politics and Memory of Persecution in Post-Fascist Germany*, explores how former political prisoners, specifically the victims of National Socialism, were reintegrated and remembered.

CHRISTOPH SCHAUB holds a PhD in Germanic languages from Columbia University and completed his Habilitation at the University of Vechta in 2025. As Thyssen@KWI Fellow, he will work on a new project titled *A Prehistory of the Present: The Diversity of the Working Class and 1970s German Literature*, concentrating on the “Werkkreis Literatur der Arbeitswelt” and the role diversity played for this group.

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Detailed information about the researchers and their research interests, pictures, and CVs can be found in the attachment as well as [on the KWI homepage](#).

ABOUT KWI INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS:

[KWI International Fellowships](#) are awarded for six months to excellent researchers from the humanities, cultural studies, and social sciences. The [Thyssen@KWI Fellowship](#), funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, is integrated into the KWI International Fellowship Programme and seeks to attract excellent researchers of all nationalities. Both fellowship programmes were established in 2020. The next call for applications will follow shortly.

About the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI):

Part of the University Alliance Ruhr, KWI is an interdisciplinary research centre for the humanities and cultural sciences, in the tradition of international Institutes for Advanced Study. Current research fields at KWI are: aesthetic practices, constellations of historical impact, dialogues between the cultural and social sciences, science studies, and visual literacy. Within the Ruhr area, KWI is a place to share the results of ambitious humanities research with interested parties from the region, and to convene discussions on the politics of scholarship.

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