

ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES REPORT 2018
Association of Canadian Studies in German-Speaking Countries

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2) # of Canadian Studies Centres/# des centres d'études canadiennes :

All 19 Canadian Studies Centres affiliated with the GKS are listed [here](#).

3) # of Members / # des membres : 494

The GKS has currently 494 members. Information about membership can be found [here](#).

4) Website / SiteWeb :

GKS-Website: www.kanada-studien.org
GKS-Facebook site: www.facebook.com/kanadastudien
GKS-Twitter account: www.twitter.com/GKS_CanStudies
Website of the Emerging Scholars' Forum of the GKS: www.nachwuchsforum.net
Website of the Teacher's Forum of the GKS: www.education-canada.de

5) Activities / Activités :

The **39th annual conference of the GKS** entitled *GeschichteN / HiStories / HistoireS* was held in Grainau (Germany), February 16 – 18, 2018. 157 Canadian Studies scholars participated in the three-day conference that consisted of three keynote lectures, 29 paper presentations in ten workshop sessions as well as a book display and an Inuit art exhibition. During the conference opening, representatives of the Embassy of Canada in Berlin (see right: Jennifer May) and of the Québec Government Office in Munich greeted the participants. The award ceremony (for GKS awards and scholarships see 7.) followed. See the full program [here](#).



The **14th annual conference of the Emerging Scholars' Forum of the GKS** entitled *Canada Across Borders: Comparative Perspectives* was held at the Univ. of Konstanz (Germany), July 7 – 9, 2017. Read the Forum's conference report [here](#).

Every semester term the GKS offers **Virtual Canadian Studies** courses to students from German universities as well as other European and non-European universities. Currently the range of interdisciplinary virtual Canadian Studies courses includes the fields of English Studies, French Linguistics, Geography, History, and Native Studies. The dates at which these courses begin coincide with the beginning of semesters in the German Univ. system. For past and current course offerings, please visit the [VCS-Website](#).



6) Maximum of 10 Major Publications / Maximum de 10 publications majeures:

The [annual bulletin 2018](#) is edited by Dr. Yvonne Völkl on behalf of the board and published in digital format every February. It contains notes from the board and the advisory board and lists of Canadian Studies events and publications by GKS members. It also contains a complete list of Canadian Studies courses taught at German, Austrian, and Swiss universities.

The GKS also regularly publishes scholarly articles in Canadian Studies in the [Zeitschrift für Kanada-Studien](#) (Journal for Canadian Studies) and the [book series](#). The special issue *Indigenous Knowledges and Academic Discourses / Les saviors autochtones et les discours scientifiques/ Indigenes Wissen und akademische Diskurse*, based on the 35th annual conference and guest-edited by Kerstin Knopf, as well as the regular ZKS-issue, including i.a. articles based on paper presentations from the 38th annual conference “Revisiting Suburbia – Revisiter les espaces périurbains,” were published in February 2018. Both issues can be ordered with the GKS administration office for EUR 10 (incl. shipping). The table of contents can be accessed [here](#). ZKS-issues from 2016 and earlier are available for free download.

The GKS administration office also distributes a **monthly newsletter** that contains announcements, calls for papers/contributions, recent publications, etc. Subscribe [here](#).

7) Grants/Prizes awarded and received / Bourses/Prix offertes et reçues:

GKS Award / Prix de la GKS 2018

Each year up to two GKS-awards (EUR 1000 each) are awarded to students of all disciplines whose master’s thesis deal with a Canada-specific topic and therefore require a research trip to Canada. The funding facilitates field studies, library work, interviews, etc. for the preparation or completion of the respective project in Canada.

Recipient 2018: Miriam Tekath, Univ. of Marburg, Germany

Prix d’Excellence du Gouvernement du Québec 2018

GKS, en collaboration avec l’Association internationale des études québécoises ([AIÉQ](#)) attribue annuellement un Prix d’Excellence remis par le gouvernement du Québec via sa Délégation générale à Munich lors du Colloque annuel des études canadiennes à Grainau. Le prix est d’une valeur de 3 000 \$ canadiens.

Recipients 2018: Katrin Boisvert-Bilodeau, Saarland Univ., Germany (see right, in the middle of the image); Julia Mannagottera, Univ. of Bayreuth, Germany



Jürgen-Saße Award / Prix de promotion « Jürgen Saß» 2018

The Jürgen Saße Award is given annually to a student working on a master’s or doctoral thesis dealing with Aboriginal People in Canada. The price of EUR 1000 is a financial grant for project-related academic studies in Canada. Application is open to students from all disciplines whose theses require a research stay in Canada.

Recipient 2018: Nastasia Herold, Univ. of Leipzig, Germany

Postdoctoral Scholarship of the Foundation for Canadian Studies / Bourses post-doctorales de la Fondation des études canadiennes 2018

The [Stiftung für Kanada-Studien](#) (Foundation for Canadian Studies) offers doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships to outstanding scholars in the field of Canadian Studies.

Recipient 2018: Marie-Pier Joly, Georg-August-Univ. Göttingen, Germany

Publishing Grants

GKS offers financial support to its members in order to facilitate the publication of Canadian Studies research, such as dissertations of outstanding quality or conference proceedings.

Recipients 2017/2018: Dr. Sophie Dubois, Saarland Univ., Germany: *Lehrwerke für Sprache und Literatur als kulturelle Mittler im Fremdsprachenunterricht: Québec-Kanada-Europa / Les manuels de langue et de littérature étrangères comme médiateurs culturels : Québec-Canada-Europe*; PD Dr. Karin Ikas, Goethe Univ. Frankfurt, Germany: *“A Nation Forged in Fire” : Canadian Literature and the Construction of National Identity*; Prof. Dr. Rosenthal, Friedrich Schiller Univ. Jena, Germany: *Gained Ground: Perspectives on Canadian and Comparative North American Studies*; Dr. Angela Weber, Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms-Univ. Bonn, Germany: *Indigenous Positions in Canadian Art Discourse Since the 1960s: A Cultural Studies Approach*

Conference Support

GKS offers financial assistance to members organizing Canadian Studies conferences.

Recipients 2017: “Urban Resilience: Resonance in the Ruhr? 2nd International Workshop on Research and Practice,” TU Dortmund Univ., Germany, June 26-27, 2017; “‘A long Time Ago on a Reservation Far, Far Away’: Contemporary Indigenous Popular Culture Across the Globe,” int. conference, Saarland Univ., June 1-3, 2017

Travel Grants 2017/2018

GKS offers travel grants to members at an early career stage who wish to attend a scholarly event, provided that the event and their contribution have a clear Canadian Studies focus

Recipients 2017/2018: Susanna Gartler, Univ. of Vienna, Austria; Ursă Marinšek, Univ. of Maribor / Univ. of Graz, Austria; Lydia Schoeppner, Univ. of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

Grants/Prizes received / Bourses/Prix reçus:

The GKS received the Ehrenpreis (honorary award) of the Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft (German-Canadian Association) in 2017. On behalf the GKS, president Knopf accepted the award in the Canadian Embassy in Berlin (see right). The award includes a certificate and two coins of the Royal Canadian mint.



8) Research/ Recherches :

GKS focuses on coordinating Canada-related academic activities in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Academic exchange, research, and cooperation is facilitated through the seven sections, the Emerging Scholars Forum, and the Teachers' Forum. The seven sections are namely “Language, Literature and Culture in Anglophone Canada,” “Language, Literature and Culture in Francophone Canada,” “Women and Gender Studies,” “Geography and Economics,” “History,” “Political Science and Sociology,” and “Indigenous and Cultural Studies.” In order to ensure a broad approach to Canadian Studies, the sections organize the annual conferences in turn with a focus on their own research interests. For an overview of the members' Canadian Studies research activities, see the detailed listings in our [annual bulletin](#).

9) Upcoming activities and events / Activités & événements à venir :

The **15th annual conference of the Emerging Scholars' Forum** of the GKS entitled “Witnessing Resurgence: Self-Determination and Allyship” will be held in Bern (Switzerland), June 29 – July 1, 2018.

The **40th annual conference** of the GKS will be held in Grainau, Germany, February 14 – 17, 2019. The conference theme is “Intersectionality: Theories, Policies, Practices / Intersectionnalité : théories, politiques, pratiques.”