THE SENTIMENTAL
IN LITERATURE, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

Calendar Winter 2026/2027

October

19.10.	Guest Lecture by Mercator Fellow Andreas Becker: “Kondratiev, Ozu, Oswald: On the Temporal Structure of Sentimentality” & Get-Together
26.10.	What’s Next: The Research Training Group in the Second Funding Phase

November

02.11.	Project Presentations Jacob Hovde & Ronja Steiner
09.11.	Project Presentations Zeyu Du & Charlotte Hunsicker
16.11.	Reading Session: Anna Corrigan, “Constructing Recognition, Mobilizing Sentiment”
19.-20.11.	Workshop “The Family Photo: Critical Methodologies and Global Histories” (Erlangen)
23.11.	Guest Lecture by Alexander Dunst (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): “Sentimental Responsibility: Afterlives of Family Photography”
30.11.	No Colloquium!

December

03.12.	Writing Workshop (‘Schreiblabor’)
07.12.	Guest Lecture by Helga Schwalm (HU Berlin)
08.12.	10 am – 12 pm: Coffee Meetup with Helga Schwalm
14.12.	Reading Session: *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke (2026)

January

11.01.	Reading Session: tba
16.-17.01.	Workshop “German Pop Music and Political Poetry” with songwriter and poet Angela Aux
18.01.	No Colloquium!

21.01. Guest Lecture by Jan Slaby (FU Berlin)

22.01. 10 am – 12 pm: Coffee Meetup with Jan Slaby

28.01. Writing Workshop (‘Schreiblabor’)

February

01.02. Reading Session: tba

Unless indicated otherwise, our colloquium meeting takes place on Mondays from 2:15-3:45 pm in C301 (Bismarckstr. 1). Wednesday meetings are from 10:15-11:45 am in C202 (Bismarckstr. 1).

Mercator-Fellow: Prof. Dr. Andreas Becker will be joining the research training group for the winter term 2026/2027 and will be available for consultations with PhD candidates throughout the semester.

Independent Study Group: On Thursdays, 2-4 pm, the seminar room C303 is reserved for PhD candidates for a self-organized study and reading group.

Writing Workshops are dedicated slots for PhD candidates and associated PhD students / Postdocs to write together and discuss writing tips, strategies as well as potential challenges. Information on time and place will be communicated via email a week prior.