

AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM

Consecutive Master **Global History**

UNIVERSITIES

Freie Universität Berlin
and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

APPLICATION

15 April – 31 May

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Above average BA degree in History
or Area Studies / English skills at level C1 (GER)

CAPACITY:

30 students per academic year

DURATION

Four semesters (two years)

START

Winter semester (courses start in mid October)

FEES

No tuition; fees for matriculation ca. 280 Euro per semester

DEGREE

Joint Degree, Master of Arts (M.A.)

STEERING COMMITTEE

Sebastian Conrad • Andreas Eckert •
Alexander Nützenadel

TEACHING STAFF (selection)

Michael Borgolte (Medieval Europe) • Sebastian Conrad (Global History) • Andreas Eckert (Africa) • Ulrike Freitag (Middle East) • Deborah Gerstenberger (Latin America) • Jessica Gienow-Hecht (North America) • Hannes Grandits (Southeastern Europe) • Michaela Hampf (North America) • Vincent Houben (Southeast Asia) • Oliver Janz (Europe) • Claudia Jarzebowski (Early Modern Europe) • Gudrun Krämer (Islamic World) • Michael Mann (South Asia) • Klaus Mühlhahn (China) • Alexander Nützenadel (Economic History) • Margrit Pernau (South Asia) • Stefan Rinke (Latin America) • Ulrike Schaper (European Colonialism)

For further teaching staff, or for further information on the program and the application process, please visit our website at global-history.de.

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MA GLOBAL HISTORY

Today's interconnected world is not a new phenomenon, but looks back on a long history of exchange and interaction. The history of migration and trade, of empires and nation-states, of religion and the environment, of ideas, of communication and war have all contributed to linking different parts of the world, albeit unevenly.

The **MA program Global History** is dedicated to exploring the various trajectories of cross-border entanglements across the globe. Unlike programs that treat global history as an extension of imperial or economic history, our approach **emphasizes the entanglements between specific regions and global structures**. By focusing on comparisons, connections, and processes of global integration, the program helps students to understand the forces that have continuously shaped and restructured the world.

Global history is one of the **most innovative and productive fields of scholarly inquiry** today, and challenges us to think about history and its methodologies in new ways. It acknowledges a broad variety of different perspectives and attempts to arrive at a non-Eurocentric reading of the global past.

PROGRAM

The MA Global History is a **two-year graduate program**. Students work with preeminent historians at the **Freie Universität Berlin** and **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**. The program is based on close cooperation between the History and Area Studies departments including specialists of virtually all parts of the world, and enables students to specialize in the region of their interest. They will acquire an understanding of macro-processes and of change on a global scale. But more importantly, they are encouraged to acquire in-depth knowledge about the history of a specific region that they will learn to situate in the context of global structures and transformations.

COURSES

- Compulsory courses specifically addressing issues of **global history**, including courses on theory and methods, and offering global perspectives on subjects such as migration, colonialism, empire, religion, environment, state-building, war, social movements, dictatorship, nationalism, and the history of ideas.
- Courses that explicitly focus on the **region** the student has chosen, such as the history of North America, East Asia, South or South East Asia, Western or Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, or the history of the Islamic World.
- Beyond their focus area, students are encouraged to take courses that broaden their **knowledge of other regions** or help them acquire additional language skills.
- The program's last phase consists of a substantial and empirically grounded **master's thesis**; the writing process is supported by the accompanying colloquium.

KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- The **Joint-Degree MA** program is based on a **unique cooperation** between the History and Area Studies departments of the FU Berlin and the HU Berlin.
- A **two-year program** provides ample time to engage with issues of global history, and encourages students to start their own research.
- **Prominent faculty** with experts on all regions of the globe.
- With our strong **focus on area studies** expertise, we train global historians who "know something about some place", not a caste of generalists.
- As a vibrant **European metropolis, Berlin** offers a wide range of cultural and artistic events, in addition to accommodating some of the best archives, libraries, and museums worldwide.