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- EGO | European History Online
- Jahrbuch für Europäische Geschichte / European History Yearbook
- Controversia et Confessio (C&C)
- Digital historical maps (IEG Maps; Digital Atlas of Europe; HGIS Germany)
- Early modern peace treaties online
- Recensio.net – review platform for European History
- Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte – Literaturberichte (ARGL; Archive for Reformation History – Literature Review)

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Aims

The Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG) – an independent academic institution to conduct and promote research on the historical foundations of Europe

The institute, founded in 1950, consists of a section for religious history and a section for general history, working together on a joint research programme. It employs over three dozen researchers working in historical disciplines. In cooperation with the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, the IEG runs a Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg) funded by the German Research Foundation. A comprehensive fellowship and exchange program for PhDs and Postdocs as well as for Senior Researchers underscores the Institute’s commitment to promoting research at all levels.

The IEG presents its research and findings in publications, academic conferences and public forums. It also operates a library with specialist collections in the fields of the history of European Christianity and of general European history. Since 2012 the IEG has been part of the Leibniz Association.

Research Profile

The religious, cultural and social foundations of modern Europe

The IEG conducts research into the historical foundations of Europe, their transformations and crises as well as conflicts and processes of communication and reconciliation.

The interdisciplinary nature of research is ensured by the cooperation of academics working in the sections »Abendländische Religionsgeschichte« and »Universalgeschichte«.

The epoch-spanning approach is reflected in the longue durée orientation of research. It extends from the beginning of religious and confessional pluralization in the early modern period to contemporary social and political transformations effected by processes of internationalization and globalization.

The transnational orientation of research is guided by a concept of Europe as a space of communication whose internal and external boundaries have been subject to redefinition throughout the centuries.

The central theme of the present research agenda at the IEG is »Negotiating Difference in Modern Europe«. In three research groups scholars analyse the various forms of establishing, overcoming and enabling differences, i.e. the regulation and limitation – but also the production and maintenance – of otherness and inequality within Europe and in its relations with the wider world. The cross-sectional project »EGO | European History Online« (www.ieg-ego.eu) covers five hundred years of European history across national, disciplinary and methodological boundaries.

Fellowship Programme

International community of researchers

The Institute brings together researchers at all levels and from many countries under a single roof in Mainz.

- The Senior Research Fellowship programme facilitates research visits by outstanding scholars from outside Germany.
- PhD students and Postdocs from around the world are supported by research fellowships from the IEG. They live and work on the Institute’s premises.
- The Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg), »The Christian Churches and the Challenge of ›Europe‹ (1890–present)« has been supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG) since 2009.

With their own projects, visiting researchers and fellows contribute to the Institute’s research on the foundations of Europe. Together with their colleagues at the IEG, they form an international and interdisciplinary research community.

Application details can be found on www.ieg-mainz.de/stipendienprogramm

Network of European Research Institutions

The Institute cooperates closely with the Academy of Sciences and Literature and with the Johannes Gutenberg University, both in Mainz. On a national level, its partners include other members of the Leibniz Association. International cooperation is based on current research projects. The IEG and its partners form a network of European research institutions reaching from London to Istanbul, from Helsinki to Rome and from Vilnius to Madrid.