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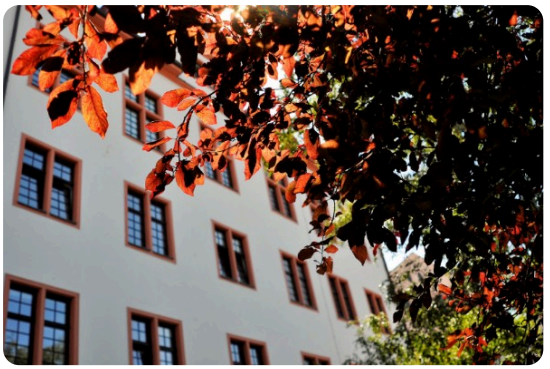

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Dear Alumni,

as autumn settles in, we find ourselves looking back on the year - and looking ahead to the opportunities the coming year may hold: a summer school, a role as a research associate at the IEG, or membership in our alumni association?

We wish you all a happy autumn time and if you cannot come to the alumni meeting we are sending best wishes from sunny Mainz.

Your IEG Alumni Team

IEG CfA - Research Associate



in European Religious History
(Application deadline: **10 November 2026**)

Full-time position as **Research Associate** (m, f, x) in **European Religious History** (16th-20th centuries) to pursue an **individual research project** in the field of European religious history.

More Information

IEG
Podcast *Epochal* - new episode

In the new episode of the IEG podcast *Epochal,* Prof. Dr Urszula Pękala and our podcast host and IEG academic editor Vanessa Weber talk about the role of Catholic bishops in the European reconciling process during 1945–1990.
They dive deep into Prof. Dr Pękala's book "Reconcilers of Europe?" and discuss how Catholic bishops were crucial as mediators between religion, nation and politics for the German-French and the German-Polish relationships and reconciliation after World War II.



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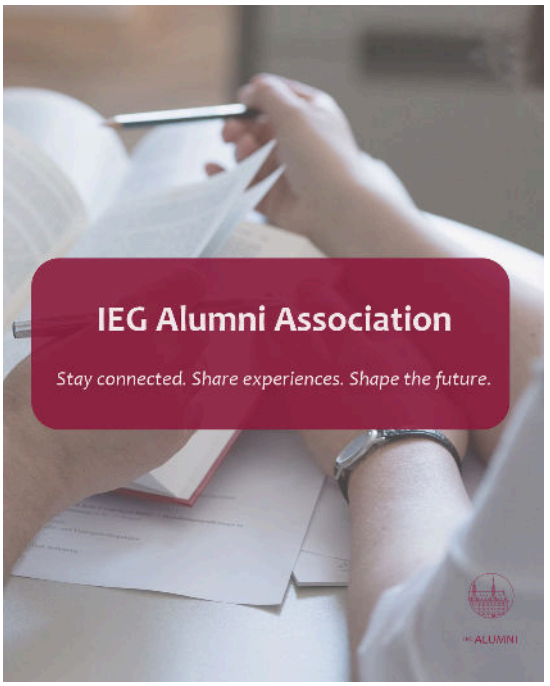
Have a listen to the newest episode of *Epochal* here: https://epochal.podigee.io/4-bischoefe-versoehner-europas

Good to know: As former IEG research associate Urszula Pękala is participating in the alumni meeting and talks about her research in a keynote.

Become a Member of the IEG Alumni Association



Stay Connected. Share experiences. Shape the future.

That is the idea behind our IEG Alumni Association, founded in 2026. As an open, alumni-led network, it creates opportunities to meet, exchange ideas and support one another long after the fellowship at the Institute.

Every former fellow is warmly invited to join – however long you stayed, whenever you were here, and whichever funding brought you to the IEG.

To become a member:
Fill in the application form and send it to alumni@ieg-mainz.de.
More information on our website.

Call for Applications - International Summer School in European Regional History

26–30 July 2027 | University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany

Our former IEG research associate Prof. Dr Eveline Bouwers has forwarded a call for applications for early career researchers for an international Summer School in European Regional History at the University of Duisburg-Essen.
Find the detailed application infos here

Public Online Research Colloquium

It is a long tradition: the IEG research colloquium every Tuesday. The presentations of our Senior Research Fellows are streamed online, and all alumni are warmly invited to join:

Tuesday, 10 November, 4 pm
Prof. em. Dr. Christian Windler
University of Bern
"Catholic Clergy in the Making of Company Rule in Asia, 1642–1749"
Join online

Tuesday, 24 November, 4 pm
Prof. Dr. Xosé-Manoel Núñez Seixas
University of Santiago de Compostela
"A Transnational Approach to the History of Nationalism and National Movements in Europe, 1848–2025"
Join online

The IEG Library Catalogue



At the end of their fellowship stay, our PhD and Postdoc fellows send us a copy of their finished dissertation project or article. That way, we continually update and expand our library catalogue. This collection of decades of research on European History is a huge benefit for all our research associates as well as current and future fellows!

At our IEG library catalogue, you can filter “Belegexemplar” to have a look and browse through the research works of our alumni.

New posts on IEG blog "Writing European History"

From PhD Fellow to Senior Research Fellow - find interviews, reports, and opinion pieces on our IEG blog "Writing European History".



The Destruction of Christian Cultural Heritage in Modern Turkey
IEG Senior Research Fellow **Ina Merdjanova** on what Hagia Sophia and the Chora Church reveal about the country's Greek, Armenian, and Syriac communities.
Read the article here.



“Barbarians”, “Foreigners”, and “Enemies”: Indian Identities in Early Neo-Latin Accounts
IEG Postdoc Fellow **Shruti Rajgopal** explains how kings and peoples in India were perceived by early missionaries from Europe.
Read the article here.

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