“Global Approach to CAS Series II: Comparing Across World Regions: Assets and Pitfalls”

A key aim of Comparative Area Studies is to stimulate – where applicable – systematic comparison across world regions. However, scholars have paid insufficient attention to bridge the research divide between different world regions, these traditionally conceived areas have been studied in largely distinct academic discourses. This course deals with the practical as well as conceptual assets and pitfalls of cross-regional comparison. For this, we will draw on two articles that focus on case selection techniques and give specific examples of cross-area comparisons.