Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK / GCR21) is an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Duisburg-Essen. Our Centre is the tenth and the last Käte Hamburger Kolleg supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany.

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Our work is organised in four research units: the (im)possibility of cooperation (Unit 1), global conflicts of culture and transcultural cooperation (Unit 2), global governance revisited (Unit 3), and paradoxes and perspectives of democratisation (Unit 4).

We focus on the chances for global cooperation in the 21st century. Interdisciplinary research fellows from all regions of the world examine the opportunities and challenges of global cooperation amidst political-cultural difference in the world society.

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Inauguration Ceremony of
Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research

30th October 2012
At Museum Küppersmühle
Chances for Global Cooperation in the 21st Century

Introduction to the Inauguration Ceremony Programme

On the occasion of its inauguration, the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research takes up its core research question as the thematic focus of the ceremony: How could global cooperation be achieved amid the attempts to solve the central challenges of the 21st century?

Based on interdisciplinary and international research framework, the Centre examines how cultural premises and dynamics of human behaviour can influence global governance and global cooperation. For the next six years, the goal of the Centre is to explore ideas for a culturally open world society and for legitimate world politics.

Honourable representatives of the academia, politics, and administration are invited not only to celebrate the start of the new Käte Hamburger Kolleg, but also to gain an insight into this complex, multifaceted research project.

Following the welcome addresses, three keynote speeches will outline the vision of the Centre from basic research to the reflection of its practical implications against the backdrop of political-cultural differences.

The ceremony will be concluded by two roundtable discussions focusing on selected problems of global cooperation. The discussions feature the directors of the Centre as well as international guests.

Outline of the Programme

Keynote Speech I: Cooperation – Challenges and Limits from a Practitioner’s Perspective

Former Ambassador Dr. Günther Peuger (President of the European University Viadrina / Frankfurt)

Keynote Speech II: New International Co-operation Approaches in a Rapidly Changing Global World Order – Perspectives from India

Dr. Upennda Baxi (Senior Fellow Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Law as Culture”)

Keynote Speech III: The Roots of Human Cooperation

Dr. Daniel Haun (Research Group Leader: Comparative Cognitive Anthropology Group, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics / Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology)

Registeration & Welcome Coffee

Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bardtke (President of the University of Duisburg-Essen)

Introduction to Remarks

Ulrich Scholz (Head of Department IV: Science Systems, The Federal Ministry for Education and Research)

Helmut Dockter (State Secretary, Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research, North Rhine-Westphalia)

Sören Link (Mayor of the City of Duisburg)

Music by Anna Pittelkau Trio

All of me - Gerald Marks/Seymour Sunu

Ginza - George Garvish

Music by Anna Pittelkau Trio

Take the "A" Train - Billy Strayhorn

Now's the time - Charlie Parker

Honeysuckle Rose - Fats Waller

Coffee Break

Roundtable I: The Role of International Justice in the Community of States and in the Realm of Societies

Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner

Prof. Dr. Tobias Debiel

Prof. Dr. Angelika Nußberger

Judges at the European Court of Human Rights

Roundtable II: Global Civil Society

Prof. Dr. Claus Leggewie

Prof. Dr. Nourdine Youssouf

Prof. Dr. Upendra Baxi

Dr. Gunnar Pleuger

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Concluding Reception

(Note: A detailed agenda of the roundtables and keynotes is available.)