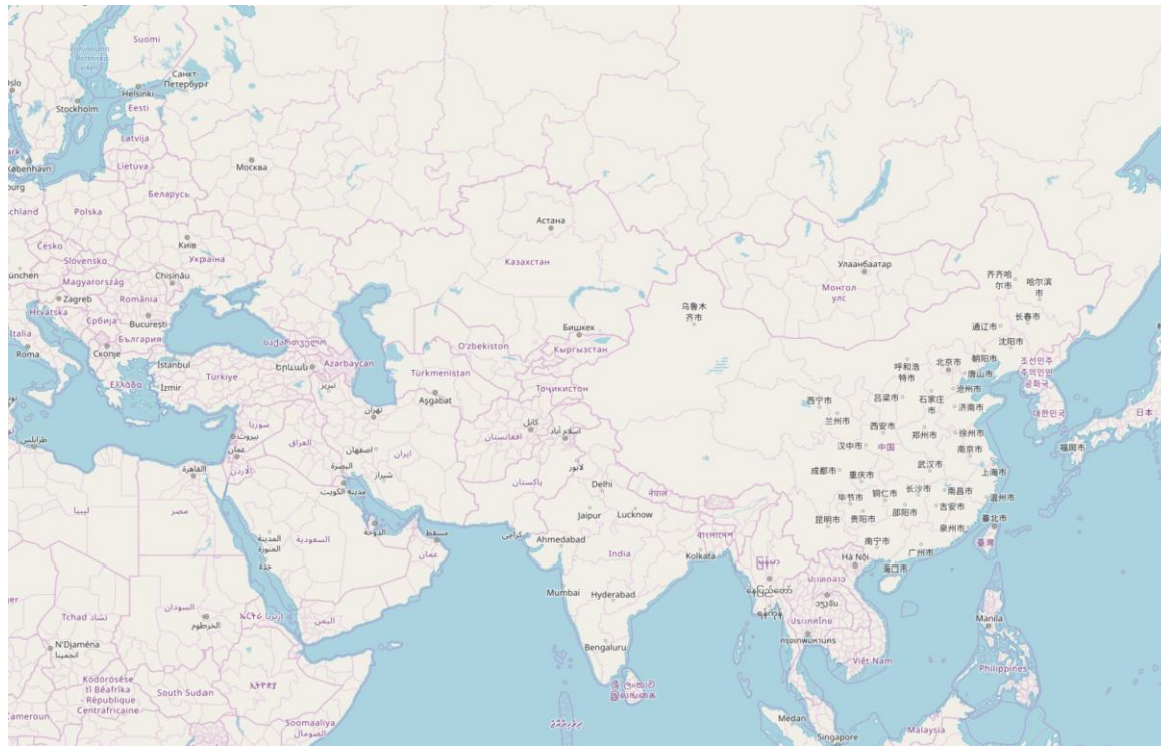




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# Specialized Master Program Modern Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES)





# Institutes

- **Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies (IAOS)**  
Chairs of Chinese Studies, Indian Studies, Islamic Studies,  
Japanese Studies
- **Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (ISEK)**



# Key points

- Socio-economic and cultural transformations within their national, regional, and global contexts
- Particular focus on developments in India, China, Japan, and the Middle East
- Flexible structure: focus on a distinct region, integrate broader theoretical and comparative perspectives



## Guidelines for module selection (major/minor)

Foundations and Current Debates	At least 18/12 ECTS credits, all compulsory modules		Compulsory and core elective courses (Wahlpflicht, WP)
<b>Culture</b>	Major: At least 18 ECTS credits in total for both Culture and Society, at least 6 ECTS credits in each category respectively	Minor: At least 6 ECTS credits in each Culture and Society	Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)
<b>Society</b>			Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)
<b>Methods and Theory</b>	At least 6/3 ECTS credits		Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)
<b>Language (major only)</b>	At least 9 ECTS credits		Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)

Major 90 ECTS credits, Minor 30 ECTS credits



## **Modules “Foundations and Current Debates” in fall 23 & spring 24**

<b>Title of module</b>	<b>Type of module</b>	<b>Term and frequency</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Mode of teaching</b>
Colonialism, Nationalism, Globalisation: Asia and the Middle East	Compulsory	Every fall term Thu., 10 – 12am, All professors Mainly podcasts	6	Lecture
Culture and Society in Asia and the Middle East	Core elective	Every second spring term: next in 2026	6	Seminar
Anthropology of Asia and the Middle East	Core elective	Every second spring term, next in 2025	6	Seminar
Asia and the Middle East in Current Debates	Core elective	Every spring	6	Exercise
Core Readings MAMES Two foci: regional and thematic	Core elective	Every semester; split into two modules from spring 2025	6	Self-study



# **Self-study module Core Readings MAMES**

*6 ECTS, book after discussion with the respective professor*

## **Conceptual approach (Transregional topics)**

1. Connected Histories  
(Prof. Angelika Malinar)
2. Gender (Prof. Bettina Dennerlein)
3. International Migration  
(Prof. David Chiavacci)
4. Political Systems (Prof. Nicolas Martin)
5. Transnational Movements  
(Prof. Rebecca Sauer)

## **Regional approach (Regions)**

1. China  
(Prof. Andrea Riemenschmitter)
2. Japan  
(Prof. David Chiavacci)
3. Middle East  
(Prof. Bettina Dennerlein, Prof. Rebecca Sauer)
4. South Asia  
(Prof. Angelika Malinar or Prof. Nicolas Martin)



## Research Project MAMES (Master Thesis)

Presentation and discussion of Master thesis project

Workshop-style module, once per semester, next: 19 May 2025 (Mo)

- Option 1: presentation of an outline of the thesis + submission of handout (1200-1500 words) following up on the colloquium
- Option 2: distribution and discussion of a written excerpt or chapter (max. 8000 words) of the thesis

3 ECTS, book after discussion with your thesis advisor

**Auditors are welcome**, please register with Dr. Helena Hof



## Important contacts during your study

Student Administration of the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies:

Dr. Kathrin Ensinger ([studentadmin@aoi.uzh.ch](mailto:studentadmin@aoi.uzh.ch))

⇒ Technical questions on booking/cancellation of modules, assessment and evaluation, graduation and degrees

Study Advisor of the MAMES:

Dr. Helena Hof ([Helena.hof@uzh.ch](mailto:Helena.hof@uzh.ch))

⇒ Content-related questions on modules, recommendations for combination, study planning, study abroad & internships, general concerns, etc.







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## Study abroad & internships/summer schools

- Overview via the UZH [International Relations Office](#)
- Information on universities in your country of focus: consult with the [respective student advisory services](#) at the IAOS
- UZH outgoing mobility:  
annual appl. deadline Jan. 15



- [\[Comprehensive\] Traineeship / Summer School in MAMES](#)  
(3 ECTS/6 ECTS)
- [\[Comprehensive\] Traineeship / Summer School](#): Language  
(3 ECTS/6 ECTS)

=> Organized by yourself, consultation with study advisor required



## Master Thesis

- Advisors: consult the [website](#) and approach potential professors early (2nd semester), then
- book module one year before anticipated graduation
- Consult the [guidelines](#) for the MA thesis and discuss with program advisor if questions





## Documents & links for reference

[Online course catalogue](#) (Vorlesungsverzeichnis)

Information about currently and previously offered courses and module categories, credits, teaching mode, lecturers...

MAMES study guides (WL)

[Major](#), [Minor](#)

MAMES module catalogue (MK)

[Major](#), [Minor](#)

Addendum to the MAMES study regulations (STO)

[Major](#), [Minor](#)



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