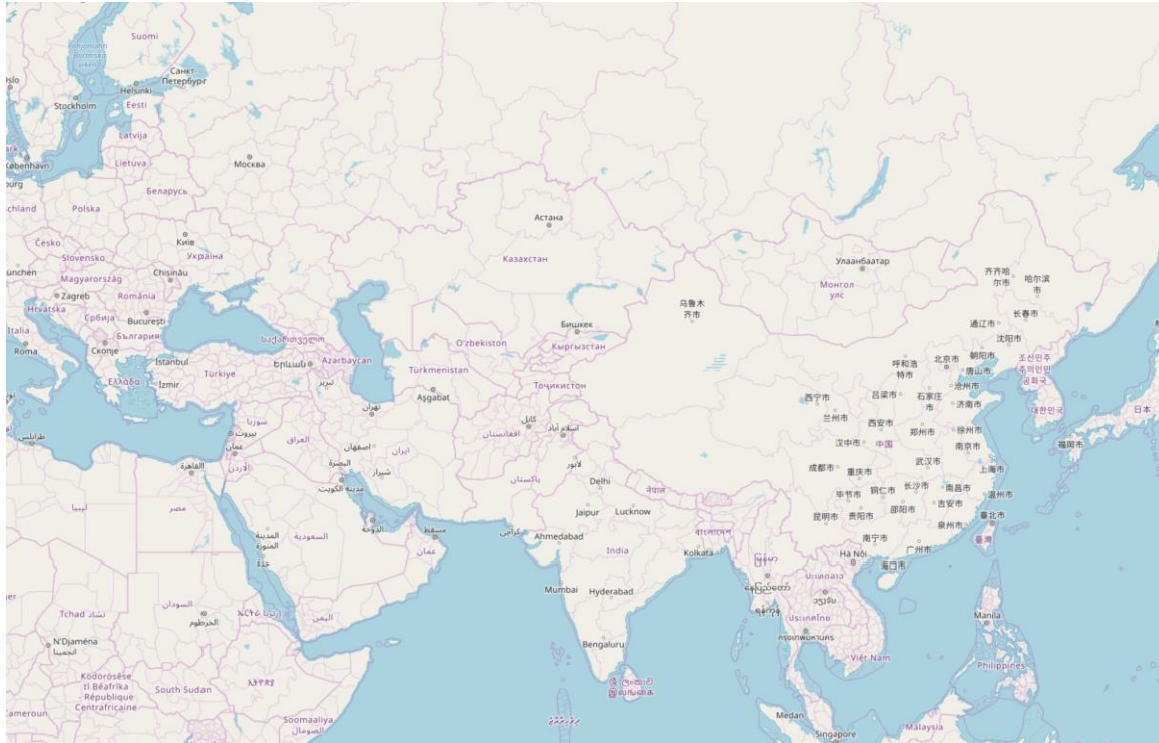




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Specialized Master Program Modern Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES)





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)
Culture	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)
Society			Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)
Methods and Theory	At least 6/3 ECTS credits		Core electives (WP), Electives (Wahlmodul)
Language (major only)	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

Title of module	Type of module	Term and frequency	ECTS	Mode of teaching
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 (from spring 25: 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 (from spring 25: regions)

1. China
(Prof. Andrea Riemenschnitter)
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: 8th Nov. 2024

- 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)

⇒ 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)

⇒ 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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