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**The Bavarian American Academy
invites applications for its**

14th International Summer Academy

for Doctoral Researchers and Junior Faculty in American Studies and American History on

“North American Narratives of Crisis and Repair, Past and Present”

June 1-8, 2026 | Tutzing, Germany

To state that we are living in times of a continuous polycrisis with interdependent and overlapping crisis figurations has become a truism. This condition is reflected in much of contemporary cultural production and various forms of symbolization – be it in the genre of the dystopian, of horror, or, more generally, in end-of-the-world narratives, and it often plays off against states of disavowal and denial, at times implying a reparative or recuperative dimension. Some of these cultural expressions also hark back to pertinent scenarios of the past and illustrate their ongoing relevance.

Reflecting on constellations of crisis and repair, this year's BAA Summer Academy seeks to examine both concepts in a diachronic as well as synchronic perspective with regard to different groups/actors in American history and culture. Topics to be addressed range from social and political inequalities and other effects of hegemonic hierarchical structures to discourses of recognition and demands for reparation for historical exploitation and injustice. The summer school aims at an interdisciplinary discussion of these problems within the field of North American Studies in its disciplinary breadth.

Application Materials and Submission

Please submit your application materials (letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, 1-page project proposal, and letter of recommendation) by **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, to

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Participants will be selected on the strength of their application. We welcome applications by doctoral researchers and junior faculty from the fields of history, political sciences, sociology, economics, law, area studies, geography, American literary and cultural studies, or art history.



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Tuition Fee

The tuition fee is **EUR 600,00**.

Acceptance to the Summer Academy includes a full academic and cultural program as well as accommodation.

Accepted participants who cannot get fully or partially reimbursed through their institutions or come from countries with a nominal GDP of less than USD 30.000 per capita (according to the most recent IMF list) can contact Christoph Straub about the possibility of financial support.

Organizers

The 14th International BAA Summer Academy is organized by the Bavarian American Academy in cooperation with the Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing.