

# „Moving *Forward* in Biological Anthropology”



Gesellschaft für Anthropologie

## 15. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 30 - April 3, 2025

Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein

Wissenschaftszentrum Kiel



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## „Moving Forward in Biological Anthropology”

Anthropology is the central field for understanding our species and our existence with and within the environment – in the past, present and future. Currently, we live in a world in which borders are being forcibly shifted or intensified, social and economic inequality are increasing, infectious diseases evolve and spread rapidly, and our basis of existence is threatened by climate change and the biodiversity crisis. In consequence, the field of biological anthropology holds a special mission for the near and distant future. The GfA constitutes the central professional and scientific organization for biological anthropology in Germany and the DACH network, bridging disciplines such as human biology, medicine, forensics, archaeology and the environmental sciences.

In this function, we are confronted with some fundamental questions: How can we, as an academic and expert community, live up to this mission? Which obstacles do we have to overcome both within and beyond our professional spheres to open up new potentials and perspectives? Answers are to be found in discussions on inter- and transdisciplinary research, conversational and historical assignments, cooperation, future generations, funding and science communication.

This conference offers a discussion forum on “Moving Forward in Biological Anthropology” – on a community level, in both the individual working groups and in mutual exchange. The focus is set on three key issues:

- **Interdisciplinarity in balance – creating synergies and bridges instead of “Trojan horses”**
- **Communicative effects – how can we disseminate our results to the general public?**
- **Research funding and future prospects – strategies for people, working groups, institutions, foundations, universities**

Mehr Details zur Thematik sind in Kürze auf der Internetseite des Kongresses verfügbar. More details on the topic will soon be available on the [conference website](#).

### Internationale keynote lectures

The German Research Foundation (DFG) has recognized the urgency of the conference subject and promotes its international reach by providing financial support for guest lectures by renowned experts on the following topics:

**Dr. Liina Mansukoski** (University of York)

*“Applying a whole systems perspective to early life public health interventions – an opportunity for anthropologists?”*

**Dr. Erika Molnar** (Szegedi Tudományegyetem/Universität Szeged)

*“The situation of biological anthropology in Hungarian higher education and scientific research – experiences of the past decades and future possibilities”*

**Dr. Mario Novak** (Sveučilište u Zagrebu/Universität Zagreb)

*“Where do we go from here? Future directions in (bio)archaeology of southeastern Europe”*

**Prof. Dr. Ana Luísa Santos** (Universidade de Coimbra)

*“The future of biological anthropology: the Portuguese experience”*

## Conference contributions: podium and poster presentations

Contributions from experts and young scientists form the interdisciplinary conference program. It is open to biological and behavioural sciences, also in relation to the socio-cultural context. We welcome podium and poster presentations that include aspects on medicine, psychology, sociology, ethnology, archaeology and historical science.

Preferably, the contributions should address the theme of “Moving Forward in Biological Anthropology”, or add/reflect on relevant issues. In this way, different experiences and perspectives build a good foundation for following discussions.

All conference participants are invited to **submit abstracts for podium or poster presentations via the conference website. Submission deadline: January 15, 2025:**

<https://gfa-anthropologie.de/tagungen/gfa-meeting-2025-home/>

- Please follow the abstract format requirements indicated via this link!
- The language for abstracts, podium and poster presentations is English.

The scientific committee of the conference will

- confirm the receipt of abstracts
- review all abstracts, decide on approval for the conference program and suggest change in presentation format (e.g. poster -> podium) when seeing fit
- communicate this decision until February 1, 2025 at the latest

### Early career award

By the end of the conference, the GfA will honour outstanding poster and podium presentations of young scientists with a prize of 150 euros each (incl. PhD candidates, GfA members only).

REGISTRATION & DEADLINES		FEES	
<b>Abstracts</b>	January 15, 2025	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Early</i> <i>Regular</i>
		<i>GfA members</i>	
<b>Registration</b>		Regular	130 €      170 €
<i>Early</i>	until February 15, 2025	Students	55 €      85 €
<i>Regular</i>	until March 15, 2025 (& at the venue)	<i>Non-Members</i>	
		Regular	200 €      250 €
		Students	100 €      140 €
<b>Abstract submission and registration only via the <a href="https://gfa-anthropologie.de/tagungen/gfa-meeting-2025-home/">conference website!</a></b>		One-day-ticket	50 €
		Conference dinner*	30 €

\*Drinks not included.

## Preliminary programme

- March 30, Sunday:** Icebreaker at the [Medical and Pharmaceutical Collection](#) Kiel University (5 pm), joint dinner\*
- March 31, Monday:** Scientific programme, [evening lecture](#), joint dinner\*
- April 1, Tuesday:** Scientific programme & poster session, [conference dinner](#) (t.b.a.)
- April 2, Wednesday:** Scientific programme [GfA working group meetings](#), [GfA General Meeting](#)
- April 3, Thursday:** Excursion [Viking Museum Haithabu](#), Schlei region (t.b.a.)

\*Joint dinners are not included in the conference fees.

The complete scientific program as well as the conference schedule will be published on the conference website as soon as available. Please check the website for updates, for example, for excursion registration, costs and more practical information.

The invitation of the GfA General Meeting will be issued separately to all members

## Travel, accommodation, food

**Venue: Wissenschaftszentrum Kiel, Fraunhoferstr 13, 24118 Kiel**

- Travel by train via Hamburg or Lübeck, by car via A1/A7/A24 highways
- Travel by plane via Hamburg Airport and airport bus *Kielius*
- Venue and university campus: public transport (KGV), on-the-go bike rental *Sprottenflotte* eScooter, BOLT and TIER

At the **B&B hotel**, next to the conference venue, we reserved room contingents for **79 Euro/night, double room**. Please contact us by email if you are interested (first come, first serve!). Other hotels are easily reached by foot or bus.

Coffee breaks with snacks are provided throughout the conference programme. For lunch and extras, there is the Café Kooperativa directly in the conference building, a bakery and supermarket next door, and a Mensa and more on the university campus just around the corner.

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