



Call for Proposals

Sixteenth International Doctoral Workshop in Ethnomusicology

Center for World Music (CWM) at the University of Hildesheim and Hanover
University of Music, Drama and Media (HMTMH)

23 – 26 June 2026

The Center for World Music at the University of Hildesheim and Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media are pleased to announce the sixteenth annual workshop for PhD candidates in ethnomusicology. Through paper presentations, discussions and working groups, the workshop offers a unique environment for 16 doctoral students at the writing stage of their PhD dissertations to engage in international dialogue and exchange, and expand critical debate on recent research within the discipline. The workshop will be directed by Prof. Dr. Philip V. Bohlman (Chicago/Hanover), Prof. Dr. Michael Fuhr (Hanover), Dr. Yongfei Du (Hanover) and Prof. Dr. Rasika Ajotikar (Hildesheim).

The organisers invite applications from PhD candidates researching in the field of ethnomusicology and related disciplines. There are no restrictions concerning the region of study or the thematic focus. We especially encourage applications from PhD students who have completed field or archival work and are in the process of turning their research into a dissertation. Room and board (including lunch and dinner) will be covered by the Center for World Music. However, participants are expected to secure funding to cover their travel costs (e.g., airfare, train tickets, etc.). The workshop will take place in Hildesheim from Tuesday, 23 June until Friday, 26 June. The workshop language – presentations and discussion – will be English.

PhD candidates interested in participating should send an **abstract of 250 words and a short CV (maximum two pages) by 31 January 2026** to cwm@uni-hildesheim.de. Please include “Doctoral workshop 2026 – Abstract submission” in the subject line of your email.

Notification of success will be sent by **10 February 2026**. Auditors are also welcome and must register latest by 15 May 2026, but room and board will be at their own expense.

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