

10 YEARS ON: *National and Transnational Studies in Münster and Beyond*

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The development of the Master of National and Transnational Studies: Literature – Culture – Language (MA NTS) since its accreditation in 2008 has been a success story. Steadily growing numbers of national and international applications indicate the unbroken appeal of a transdisciplinary programme which transcends the conceptual boundaries of traditional thought and combines literary and cultural studies as well as book studies and linguistics. With the high number of foreign students, averaging at 75%, the MA NTS contributes significantly to the international profile and cultural diversity of the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität.

By now, close to 100 MA theses on current research questions have been written and submitted. The topics come from the diverse area of international literatures and cultures, often with disciplinary connections to sociology, history, and media studies. Graduates from eight years are now spread across the globe – either as scholars and teachers at international universities or working in the media, for agencies, companies, or foundations.

In the context of the tenth anniversary celebrations of this interdisciplinary Master programme, which will include two presentations by NTS graduates and a guest lecture by photographer Johny Pitts (London), the new NTS Alumni-Network will be launched. There will also be a workshop developing strategies for academic and non-academic cooperation between the Programme and its alumni.

Programme:

- 10.00 am Workshop “Strategies for the Sustainable Internationalization of an Interdisciplinary Field”
- 1.30 pm Interim: Lunch break and possibility to take part in the activities of the WWU Alumni Day
- 4.00 pm Anniversary address by WWU Rektor Prof. Wessels and official launch of the alumni network
- 4.15 pm Transnational career paths (two 15-minute presentations by MA NTS alumnae)
- 4.45 pm Coffee break
- 5.15 pm Keynote lecture by Johny Pitts (London): *Afropean Ways of Seeing: Transnational Photography*
- 6.00 pm Reception