



**Austrian Association
for American Studies**



53rd AAAS 2026 Conference

Preliminary Program*

Critical Media Analysis, Participatory Cultures, New Textualities

American Studies Through a Digital Lens

Nov. 5-7, 2026, Linz, Austria

*Please note that the program is still subject to change.

Please check the website to register for the conference and for any updates:

<https://ph-ooe.at/aaas-conference-2026>

Locations:

November 5: Pädagogische Hochschule Oberösterreich (PHÖÖ)

November 6-7 Private Pädagogische Hochschule der Diözese Linz (PHDL)

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026

PH ÖÖ, Kaplanhofstraße 40, 4020 Linz

AAAS Board Meeting, Conference Opening, Keynote, Reception

Pre-Conference Side Event: [Ars Electronica Highlights Tour](#)

1:30 pm-3:00pm Guided Tour Group A & Group B

Meeting Point: Ars Electronica Center

Ars-Electronica-Straße 1, 4040 Linz

*Please make sure to register for your free tour ticket in advance
as part of the conference registration. There are 40 pre-conference tour tickets available.*

1:30 am-2:30 pm AAAS Board Meeting (closed meeting)
3:00 pm Conference Registration
4:00 pm Conference Opening
Words of Welcome Fulbright Austria Award 2026 Music: Pixie Kupka, Harald Spann, Thomas Wagner
5:30 pm- 7 pm Keynote Lecture <u>Wyn Kelley</u> (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, emeriti) “Reading in Circles: Digital Humanities and American Studies in Dynamic Partnership”
7:00 pm Reception *****
Friday, Nov. 6, 2026 PHDL Salesianumweg 3, 4020 Linz Parallel Workshops, Roundtable, AYA Meeting, General Meeting, Conference Dinner
9:00 am Registration
9:30 am-11:00 am Workshops 1-4
Racial Injustice
Digital (Mis)Information
Social Critique in Computer Games
Teaching the “Other America”: Cultural Plurality and Accessibility
11:00 am-11:30 am Coffee Break
11:30 am-1:00 pm Workshops 5-9
Disability
Politics
Social Media Forms

Self-Care
“Using and Creating Interactive Stories in the EFL Classroom”
1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch Break (on your own, recommended: PHDL Mensa)
1:00pm-2:00p: Side Event Fulbright Austria Pizza Lunch
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Roundtable Discussion “Critical Media Analysis and the Crisis of Representation in the Era of Post-Truth” Moderator: Markus Oppolzer (University of Salzburg) Devon Anderson (University of Innsbruck) Svenja Englemann-Kewitz (Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf) Manuela Naveau (University of the Arts, Linz) Heidemarie Petermichl (Körner Gymnasium, Linz) Christian Quendler (University of Innsbruck)
3:30pm-4:00pm Coffee Break
4:00-5:30 pm Parallel Workshops 10-14
Austria’s Young Americanists (AYA)
Digital Indigeneity
AI & Authorship
Blank Spaces and Broken Archives
Fandom 101: Engaging ELT students with fandom materials
5:45 pm-7:15 pm AAAS General Meeting (AAAS members only)
8:00 pm Conference Dinner Stadtoase Kolping in Linz* Please register for the conference dinner as part of the conference registration.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 Parallel Workshops, Endnote, Closing Remarks	
9:30 am-11:00 am Workshops 15-18	
Digital Resistance	
Critique of AI	
Manosphere	
Digital Popular Cultures	
11:00am-11:30am Coffee Break	
11:30am – 1:00 pm Endnote <u>Chris Ohge (University of London, UK)</u>	
1:00 Closing Remarks	
1:30 pm Meeting of the New Board (closed meeting)	
2:30pm-4:00pm Post-Conference Side Event: Ars Electronica Highlights Tour Guided Tour Group C ars electronica center Ars-Electronica-Straße 1, 4040 Linz <i>Please make sure to register for your free tour ticket in advance as part of the conference registration. We have 20 after-conference tour tickets available.</i>	