

# The Center

The **Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America** emerged in July 2022 from the Baden-Württembergischen Brasilien-Zentrum, which coordinated cooperation with a wide variety of Brazilian universities for over 20 years. The new, regionally-expanded center is particularly dedicated to diversifying and intensifying research cooperation with Latin America and to building a Latin American academic network consisting of the University of Tübingen's partners.

The new center brings its expertise from decades of cooperation with Brazil, carried out on behalf of the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts (MWK) and the University of Tübingen.

The center offers advice and supervision for **research projects** and organizes **exchanges and events** in various fields, including the **German-Brazilian Symposium for Sustainable Development** every two years. It also sponsors third-party events, such as the CineLatino film festival.

In the area of teaching, the center provides **Portuguese courses** for German and international students, as well as **group excursions and practical internships**; these often include a visit to the **Pró-Mata research station**.

The main focus of the center's work, however, is the implementation of its **own projects and programs** that strengthen research cooperation with Latin America. By participating **in international events and appearances in Latin America**, the Center reinforces the University of Tübingen's presence in the region.



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## Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America at the University of Tübingen



## Baden-Württemberg

The University of Tübingen is located in the heart of the German state of Baden-Württemberg, whose universities and research institutions are active in a wide variety of fields of knowledge and are internationally distinguished by outstanding achievements in teaching and research.

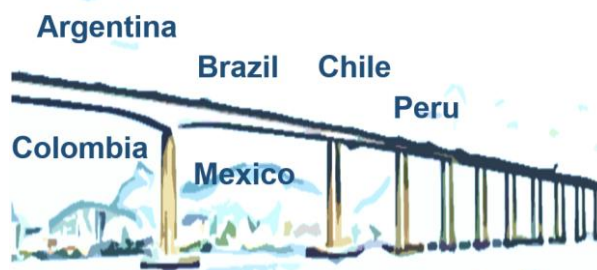
Baden-Württemberg is one of the leading economic regions in Europe and, with more than 70 universities and over 100 non-university research institutions, one of the best academic locations in Germany.

The state is home to four of the 11 German universities of excellence: Tübingen, Heidelberg, KIT Karlsruhe and Konstanz. The Tübingen Clusters of Excellence: CMFI (*Controlling Microbes to Fight Infections*), iFIT (*Image-guided and Functionally Instructed Tumor Therapies*) and *Machine Learning New Perspectives for Science* deliver the highest research performance.



## Research Cooperation

### Tübingen Science Bridge



Since 2022, the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America has offered **new programs and projects** to advance academic cooperation with the University's approximately 25 Latin American partners. The **Tübingen Science Bridge (TSB)** program, which offers monthly online lectures by top researchers on current research projects, and the **Tübingen Research Takeoff (TRT)** program, which provides financial support for the initiation of new research collaborations in line with the University's excellence and internationalization strategy, deserve special mention. **The Tübingen Science Pitch** is a science slam competition in which young researchers from Brazil and other Latin American countries present their research results at the University once a year.

## Memberships

- ❑ German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH São Paulo)
- ❑ Deutsch-Brasilianischen Gesellschaft (DBG)
- ❑ Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutsche Lateinamerika-forschung (ADLAF)
- ❑ Interdisciplinary Centre for Global South Studies (ICGSS)

## Sustainable Development



Since 2003, the center has been instrumental in organizing the **German-Brazilian Symposium for Sustainable Development** every two years, alternating between Germany and Brazil. This symposium is considered the most important interdisciplinary platform for Brazilians, Germans and interested people from all over the world to discuss current environmental and sustainability issues. The next German-Brazilian Symposium on Sustainable Development will take place in Tübingen from March 20 to 23, 2024.

## Pró-Mata

### Center for Research and Nature Conservation



Located in the Araucaria forest reserve on the Serra Geral, the **Pró-Mata** research station covers around 5,000 hectares and can accommodate up to 45 researchers and students. Pró-Mata is the result of a partnership between the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) and the University of Tübingen. Around 700 students have so far participated in the Tübingen excursions and geocological internships in Brazil, which include regular visits to Pró-Mata.