

BRAUNSCHWEIG

Local group

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Areas of specific research focus

History Active Substances (hormones, vitamins, enzymes), secondary metabolites as pharmaceuticals and poisons, risk policy and biopolitics, precarious substances; life sciences between creation and (bio)technology

Current research projects and working groups

1. Die DFG-geförderte biowissenschaftliche Strahlen- und Radioaktivitätsforschung und ihre Grenzgebiete 1920-1970 | funded by DFG | in cooperation with MPI, Berlin
2. Enzyme, Hormone, Vitamine. Eine Geschichte der Wirkstoffe im Spiegel der DFG-geförderten Projekte, 1920-1970 | funded by DFG | in cooperation with MPI, Berlin
3. Working group on precarious substances (active substances, mutagens, food additives)
4. Working group on the history of toxicology and poisoning (Literature, History of Science; Film and media studies)
5. Interuniversity working group on the history of reproductive technologies

Research facilities for the PP-Program

- University Archive (includes documents on the history of the Technical University and the Vieweg Archive, documenting one of the most important German scientific publishing companies)
- Niedersächsisches Staatsarchiv Wolfenbüttel (regional archive including material on public health care)
- Stadtarchiv Braunschweig (municipal archive including material on public health care)
- Collection of Historical Drugs (Wolfgang Schneider)

For PPP students

The archives are easily accessible. Contacts should be made before a visit.

Archives

If the research topic is not a regional or a very recent one (then Helmholtz Zentrum fuer Infektionsforschung should be contacted via the Unit), the emphasis would clearly be on the libraries.

Any research that links to one of the above-mentioned fields (1.b.) of research would be wellcome. The working form would be individual discussions and participation in the regular meetings of our working group. Special meetings with researches from nearby institutes (Hannover, Berlin,...) can be arranged. There is a regular PhD/postdoc Colloquium, organized by Prof. Bettina Wahrig and Prof. Herbert Mehrstens, where projects are presented and discussed.