

UBIAS

The Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Birmingham is a member of the UBIAS network.

What is UBIAS?

UBIAS stands for 'University-Based Institutes for Advanced Study'. UBIAS are associated with or embedded within a university, and actively contribute to the academic culture and the scientific achievements of their home university.

UBIAS institutes bring together outstanding researchers from different disciplines, nationalities and academic backgrounds, creating a productive environment for innovative research. These common characteristics have proved to be a fruitful basis for mutual exchange, although the individual institutes display a large variety of different concepts and academic pursuits. With their individual profiles, they answer to the specific needs and strengths of their affiliate university. While many institutes have traditionally concentrated on humanities and social sciences, an increasing number of institutes now incorporate theoretical and experimental sciences.

The UBIAS Network

The UBIAS network was initiated in 2010, when representatives from 32 research institutes worldwide met at the conference entitled '**University-Based Institutes for Advanced Study in a Global Perspective: Promises, Challenges, New Frontiers**' (<http://www.ubias.net/founding-conference-2010>), hosted by the Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies, Germany.

The founding of the first UBIAS dates back 40 years. However, the last 10 years have seen an upsurge in the establishment of such institutes across the globe – and this trend continues. The network was established to enable structured forms of exchange in this growing segment, including bi-annual conferences and joint programmes between partner institutes.

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