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# Today's programme

## 10-11am: **Introduction**

- Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies
- Friedrich Schlegel School of Literary Studies
- Graduate School of East Asian Studies
- Graduate School of North American Studies

11am - 12pm: **Q&A with Graduate School of East Asian Studies**

12pm – 1pm: **Q&A with Friedrich Schlegel School of Literary Studies**

# How to ask questions during the Q&A

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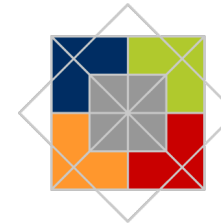
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## Multidisciplinary

We are currently offering supervision for doctoral research in the following disciplines:

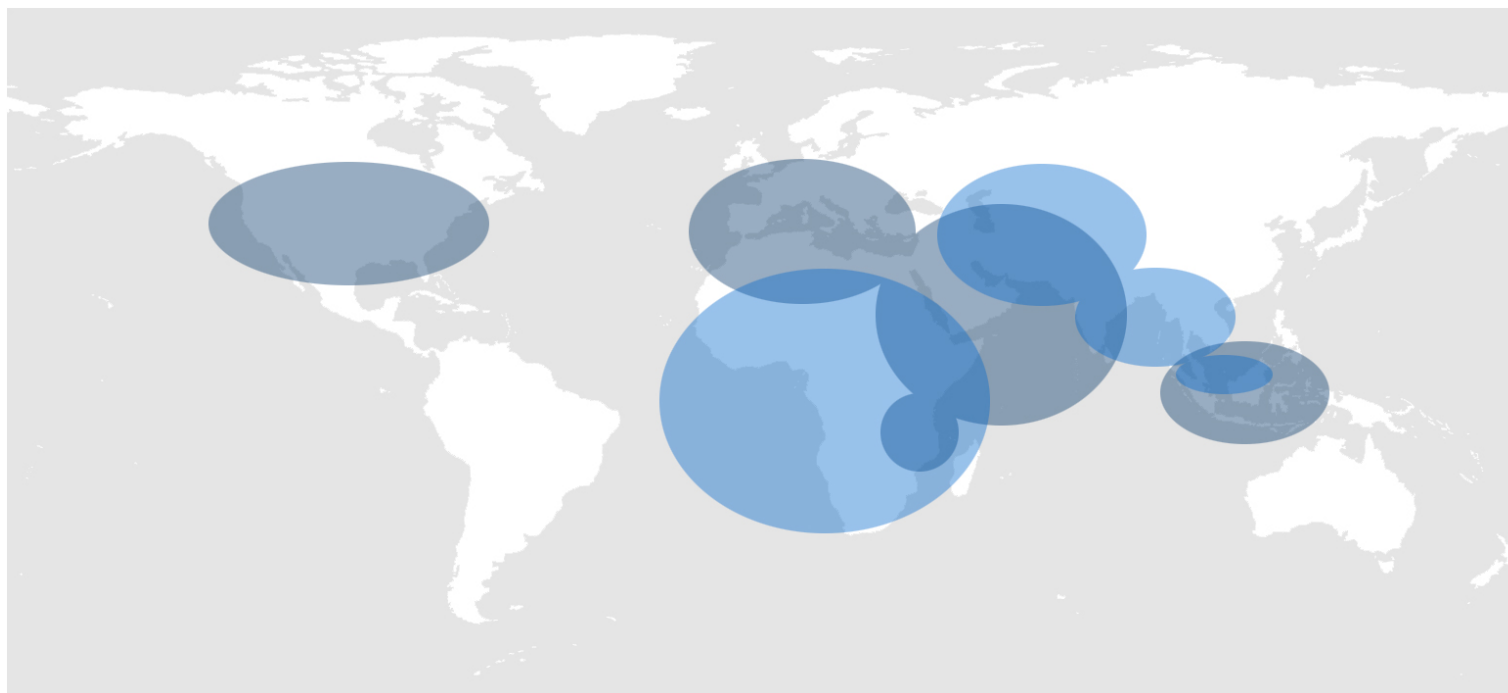
Arabic Studies,  
Central Asian Studies,  
History,  
Human Geography,  
Iranian Studies,  
Islamic Studies,  
Political Science,  
Semitic Studies,  
Social and Cultural Anthropology,  
South and Southeast Asian Studies,  
Southeast European History

## Research programme

- **The relevance of Islam to Muslim societies**
- **Plurality and diversity of Muslim societies**
- **Cross-cultural encounters**



## Geographical scope of research projects



## Requirements for application

- Excellent M.A. degree in one of the disciplines represented at the Graduate School
- Outline of the dissertation project (up to 6 pages);
- Curriculum vitae (up to 3 pages);
- Certified copies of degrees received;
- Proof of proficiency in English (C1 CFER or equivalent)
- Evidence of proficiency in the language(s) relevant to the dissertation project;
- One letter of recommendation

## Language Requirements

- C1 CEFER;
- ETS TOEFL certificate (minimum score of 600 for the paper-based test, 250 for the computer-based test, and 100 for the internet-based test)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, CPE (any grade);
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, CAE (grade A or B);
- IELTS test (level 7.0);

You may be **exempt** from this verification, if

- a) you are native English speaker, or
- b) have graduated from an English speaking university in a country with English as an official language.

**There are no other exemptions.**

# Eligibility

It is important that the choice of discipline (which is connected to your preferred supervisor) should relate to your previous academic achievements AND to your planned doctoral research.

The consideration of the following three points can help you to better assess your eligibility for a specific discipline:

- Check if you have learned the relevant methodological and theoretical skills to pursue a doctoral degree in the discipline that you choose.
- Consider the research that our supervisors are engaged in to determine whether your planned doctoral research falls within their area of interest and expertise.
- Consider the department websites for information about the courses our supervisors teach on the B.A. and M.A. level.

# Application Timeline

- Application deadline is on 11 November, 2020, 12 noon CET
- Interviews between 8-12 February, 2021
- Notifications sent out after 22 February, 2021
  
- Applications for admission for doctoral studies submitted by 15 June, 2021
- Enrollment as doctoral students by 30 September, 2021
- Begin of the programme on 1 October, 2021



# Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies



# Comparative Approaches to Literary Studies

- **Interdisciplinarity:**

- 74 PI from 16 disciplines
- 40 PhD from 10 disciplines

- **Main Fields:**

- Comparative Literature
- German Studies
- English Studies
- Roman Studies
- Philosophy



# Research Programme

- **FSGS promotes research in literary studies that is**
  - methodically innovative & sets a benchmark through the reflection of its approach in comparing texts, media, and cultures
- **Research Areas**
  - Literature as textual practice
  - Literature from a transnational perspective
  - Literature and knowledge
  - Literature, (inter-)mediality and the arts



## Types of Application at FSGS

- 3 project scholarships at the FSGS for the duration of 9 months for people at the end of their master thesis (FSGS-Projektstipendium)
- 5 PhD positions for people with external funding for 3 years (FSGS-Promotionsplatz)
- 2 DAAD grants for international students of German literature and culture for 4 years (DAAD-Stipendium)
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## Types of Application at EXC TC

- FSGS also hosts PhD students of Cluster of Excellence “Temporal Communities. Doing Literature in a Global Perspective” (<https://www.temporal-communities.de>)
- 5 positions (E13 TV-L FU, 50%, 3 years) at EXC TC/ FSGS as members of the following projects: (EXC TC „Promotion im Rahmen eines Projektes“)
  - „Arts of Memory“ (PI: Prof. Dr. Anita Traninger)
  - „Visuelle Übersetzungen “ (PI: Prof. Dr. Karin Gludovatz)
  - „Imperial Fictions“ (PI: Prof. Dr. Andrew James Johnston)
  - „Dialog von Zeit zu Zeit. Übersetzung und literarische Mehrsprachigkeit“ (PI: Prof. Dr. Cornelia Ortlieb)
  - „Studying Academic Discussions on the Art of Poetry in Late Renaissance Florence“ (PI: Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schneider)
- 1 position (E13 TV-L FU, 50%, 3 years) at EXC TC/ FSGS or GSNAS in the context of one of the Research Areas 1-4 („individual project“) EXCTC DOC RAO\_2021 (EXC TC „Promotion mit eigenem Projekt“)

## Requirements for application

- **!!! Check individual requirements for different application types !!!**
- Excellent M.A. degree
- Curriculum vitae
- a letter of motivation that describes why you are applying at the FSGS / EXC TC
- Outline of the dissertation project up to 10 pages and a 1 page summary (exception: EXC TC PhD within a project)
- a time schedule for three years (exception: EXC TC PhD within a project)
- a work sample (no longer than 15-20 pages)
- Certified copies of degrees received
- Proof of proficiency in English AND German (one language C1, the other B2)
- contact details of two experts in the field (generally university faculty) who are willing to write a letter of recommendation for you

## Language Requirements

- To apply for the Graduate School knowledge of German AND English is necessary.
- You need proof of one language at the level C1, the other one at the level B2.
- You do not need to hand in language certificates, if
  - - a) you are native English or German speaker, or
    - b) have graduated from an English or German speaking university in a country with English or German as an official language.



# Language Requirements

## •German Language Skills:

For **German C1** GER following certificates are recognized:

- **TestDaF** (TDN 4 in all four components of testing)
- **Goethe-Zertifikat C1 or C2** ("Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom") from the Goethe-Institute
- **DSH 2, ZOP**
- **DSD II**: degree from a German-speaking program at a German-speaking institution
- **TELC Deutsch C1** – Hochschule
- University entrance diploma that is equivalent to the German counterpart

Recognized as proof of proficiency in **German B2** GER are:

- **TestDaF** (TDN 3 in all four components of testing)
- **Goethe-Zertifikat B2**
- **DSD I**
- **TELC Deutsch B2** – Hochschule



# Language Requirements

## •English Language Skills:

Recognized certificate for **English C1** GER are:

- **IELTS 6.5**
- **Cambridge Examinations:** First Certificate (FCE), Advanced (CAE), Proficiency (CPE)
- **TOEFL:** Paper 585, Computer 240 or Online 95
- **TELC English C1** – University
- Degree from an English-speaking program at an English-speaking institution

For **English B2** GER:

- **IELTS 5.0**
- **TOEFL** Paper 500, Computer 170 or Online 80
- **Cambridge Examinations:** First Certificate (FCE), Advanced (CAE), Proficiency (CPE)
- **TELC English B2** – University
- 7 years of English in German schools

## Application Timeline

- Application deadline ends on 15 November 2020 at 23:59 CET
- Interviews in early March
- Notifications sent out mid-March
  
- Applications for admission for doctoral studies submitted by 15 June, 2021
- Enrolment as doctoral students by 30 September, 2021
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# Graduate School of East Asian Studies

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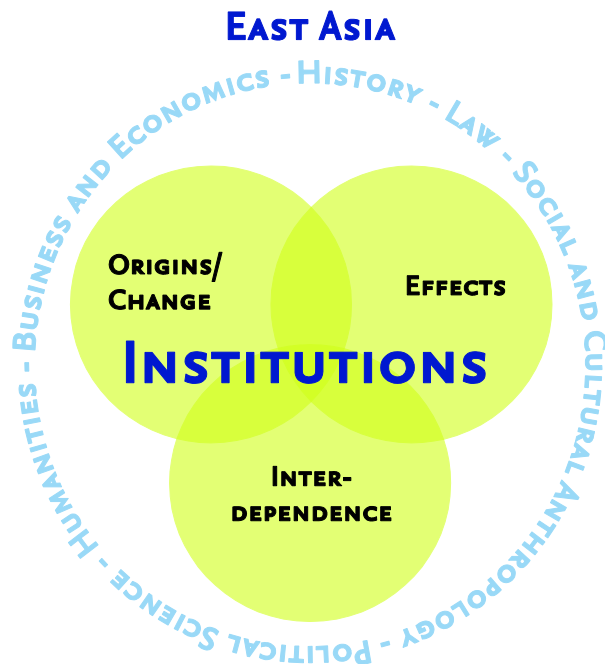


# Participating Dicipines

Departments	Institutes			
History and Cultural Studies (host)	Chinese Studies	Japanese Studies	Korean Studies	History/ Cultural Studies
Political and Social Sciences	Political Science	International Relations	Social and Cultural Anthropology	(Political Communication/Sociology)
Business and Economics	Business Studies (DPBR)	Management (DPBR)	Economics	
Philosophy and Humanities	Theatre and Performance Studies	(Literary Studies)		
Law	International Law	Constitutional Law		

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# Research Program

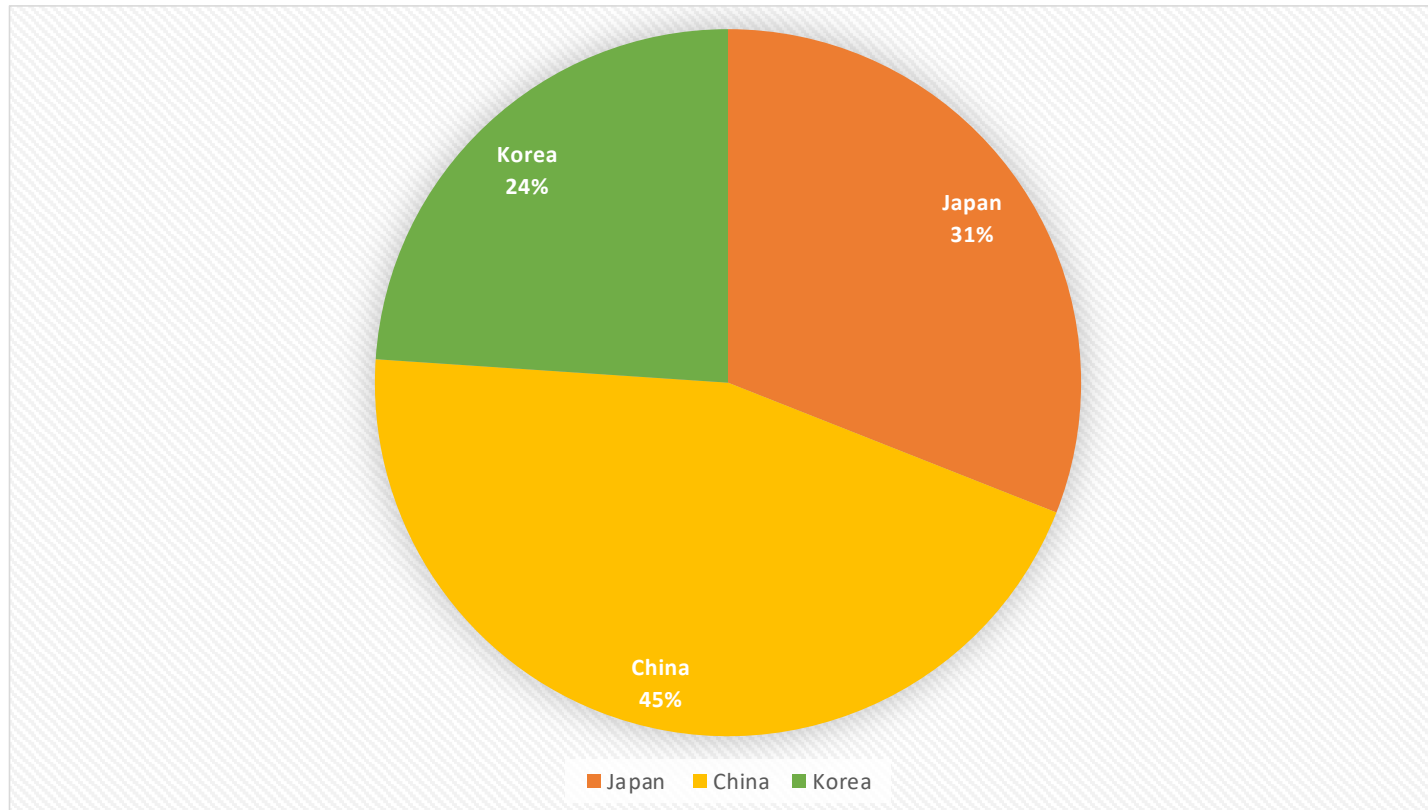


The research program aims at developing a theoretically informed and empirically grounded understanding of the origins, effects, and interdependence of institutions. The research approach combines regional expertise with a strong social science focus in a relevant discipline.

Core Competences:

- excellent area expertise on one country in East Asia (China, Japan, Korea)
- broad regional competence in East Asia
- high competence in at least one East Asian language
- strong methodological skills in a discipline
- interdisciplinary competence
- international network within East Asian Studies and the relevant discipline
- transregional and transcultural expertise /encouraging students to a 6-month fieldwork
- Summer School
- Transferable skills (Dahlem Research School, Methods)

# Main focus regions at GEAS



# Requirements for Applications

- an excellent Masters or equivalent degree (M.A. or German Magister with a grade of “very good” (A-) or better) in an East Asian Studies field or in a social science or humanities discipline with a focus on East Asia.
- BA-Fast Track possible with an excellent BA degree (only A+) and intercultural experience
- CV
- Motivation letter
- Research proposal including a research question (maximum 6 pages)
- time schedule for the dissertation
- copies of certificates of relevant degrees and language skills (Englisch C1/Korean, Japanese or Chinese B2)
- 2 letters of recommendation

# GEAS Specific Language requirements

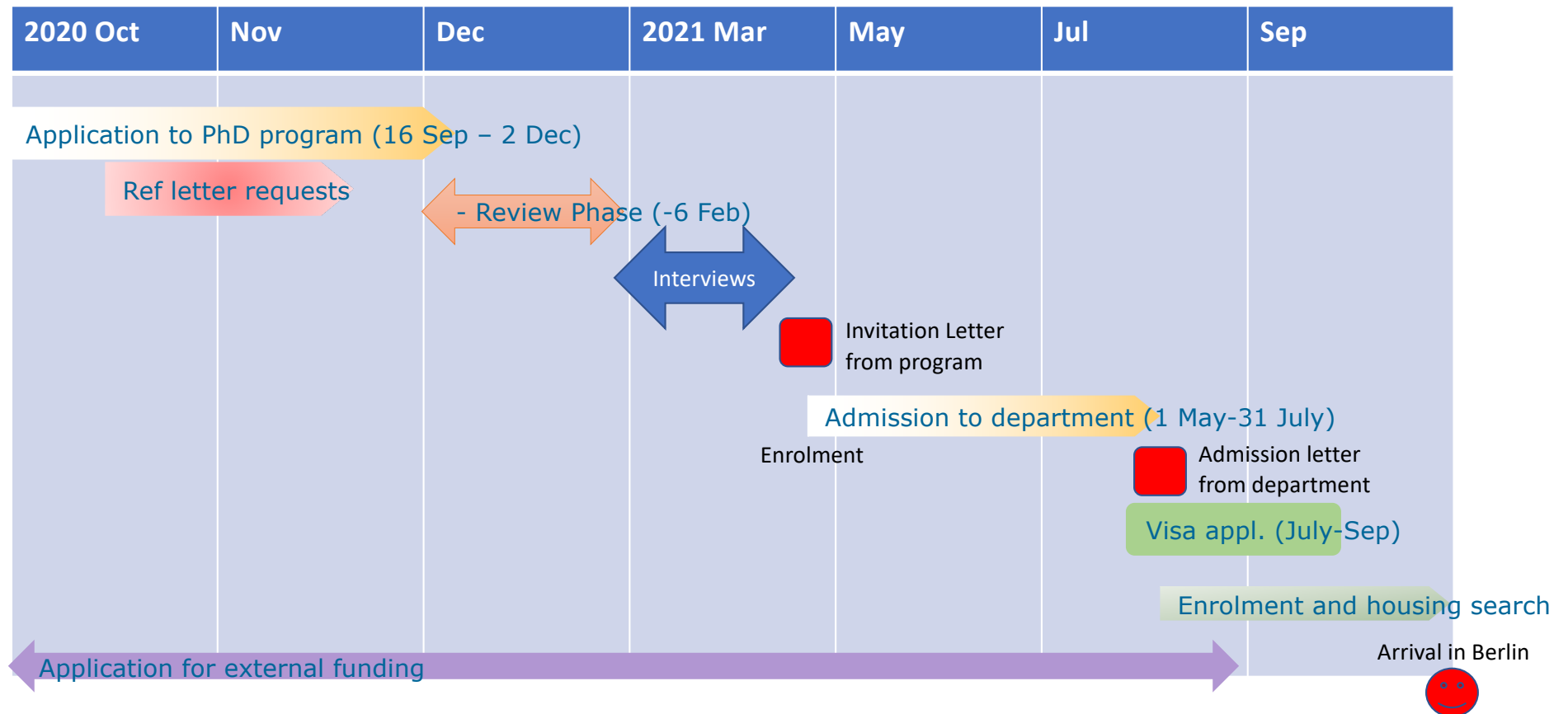
- English C1
  - test (IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge)
  - English-taught MA programme in either UK, USA or Germany (and countries where requirements of C1 are already met)
  - Results can be submitted later to the date of interview
- Chinese B2
  - HSK 5 or TOCFL 4 or higher with sufficient time abroad
  - MA degree in Chinese Studies (including language classes)
  - teacher's assessment if HSK6 is not available
- Japanese B2
  - JLPT N2 or higher (can be submitted later) with sufficient time spent abroad
  - MA degree in Japanese Studies (including language classes)
  - teacher's assessment if N2 is not available
- Korean B2
  - TOPIK 4 or higher with sufficient time spent abroad
  - MA degree in Korean Studies (including language classes)
  - teacher's assessment if TOPIK is not available



# Research Proposal (6 pages)

- Context, research questions and objectives of your research project
  - What is the main argument?
  - What is the central question you aim to answer in your thesis and why is your question relevant?
  - What are the hypotheses relevant for answering your question?
  - Is there a possible outcome or plan B?
- Current state of research and most relevant literature
  - Place your topic in the current academic debate
  - literature review
- Tentative theoretical framework and research methods
  - Which methodology and theoretical framework will you use and why?
  - What are relevant sources for information and how would your fieldwork be conducted?
- Source material (6th page)
  - Bibliography
- Time schedule (not counting within the six page limit)
  - Detailed schedule with milestones and fieldwork plan

# Application Timeline





Graduate School of  
North American Studies



The Graduate School of North American Studies (GSNAS) is dedicated to a comprehensive interdisciplinary analysis of North American societies from the early modern era to the present.





## Our Research Focus between 2019 and 2024 is **“Transformations of ‘Democracy’ in North America”**

Our research program aims to provide an *interdisciplinary* framework for investigating American notions, imaginations, and practices of “democracy,” especially in the areas of domestic and foreign policy, economic development, cultural production, literary processing, and the negotiation of social relations in a multi-ethnic society, as well as on the level of media-ecological change. Our analysis of these aspects is grounded in a *research-oriented* and *curriculum-based* collaboration of six disciplines from the humanities and the social sciences.

These six disciplines are:

- Cultural Studies
- Economics/Economic history
- History
- Literary Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology

## Call for Applications 2020/21

- 5 scholarships of 1,350 EUR/month for a duration of 36 months plus an annual travel allowance of 2,000 EUR
- Up to 5 doctoral memberships for applicants who have secured their own third-party funding (e.g. in the form a scholarship by a German party-affiliated foundation). Funding should have been obtained for a period of 24-36 months

## Application requirements

The formal requirement for an application is a university degree (M.A. or equivalent; the degree must have been obtained before the application deadline) with above average marks in either American or Canadian Studies, one of the disciplines represented at the John F. Kennedy Institute (Cultural Studies, Literature, Political Science, History, Sociology, and Economics) or closely related academic programs. The discipline of the intended dissertation must correspond to the discipline of the M.A.-degree, or at least be closely related to it.

**The dissertation project must be related to North American and/or American/Canadian Studies.**



## Application documents

- *A Curriculum Vitae* (in English)
- *A Statement of Purpose*, approx. 2 pages (in English)
- *Copies of Earned Degrees/Diplomas/Graduation Certificates* (High School, BA, MA, etc.)
- *An Outline of the Dissertation Project (Exposé)*, 8 – 10 pages (in English)
- *A Work Plan/Timeline* (in English)
- *A Writing Sample* based on a chapter of the MA thesis or an already published journal article (in English or German)
- *Proof of Language Proficiency in English - C1-Level EFR* (TOEFL, IELTS, CAS, CPE)
- *Two Recent Letters of Reference* (to be uploaded separately by the respective referee by December 15, 2020)





## Application timeline

**Application deadline:** November 30, 2020, 23:59 CET

**Invitations to interview (Shortlisted candidates):** mid-January 2021

**Interviews held:** February 2021

**Notifications sent:** early March 2021

[Registration („Zulassung“) of the PhD project at the respective department („Fachbereich“)]

**Enrollment deadline:** September 30th, 2021

**Program start:** October 1st, 2021



Thank you!

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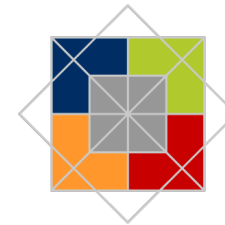
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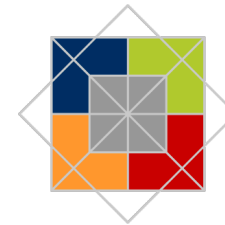
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