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## Call for applications for doctoral scholarships

### at the research training group

### "Dialectics of Participation. Dynamics of socio-spatial opening and closure" (PK 052)

At the Institute for Social Research at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, doctoral scholarships are available from **1 December 2022** within the framework of the newly established research training group "Dialectics of Participation. Dynamics of socio-spatial opening and closure" (PK052), funded by the Hans-Böckler-Foundation (HBS). **12 doctoral scholarships** will be awarded for a maximum of three years. Subject of the research training group are the contradictory processes of socio-spatial opening and closure, which are a central characteristic of democratic-capitalist societies. The historical movement of an institutional guarantee and of the expansion of participation opportunities corresponds to the counter-movement of their denial and restriction—the opening and closure of spaces for participation go hand in hand in the history of modernity. Such double movements will be empirically investigated in three fields, with special attention to their global dimension: as social dynamics of relational ascents/descents, as spatial dynamics of relational mobility/immobility, and as political dynamics of relational movements/counter-movements.

The doctoral programme is located at the disciplinary intersection of sociology, human geography and history, but is also open to other social science perspectives. The group of supervisors includes Prof. Dr. Bernd Belina, Prof. Dr. Susanne Heeg, Prof. Dr. Stephan Lessenich and Prof. Dr. Sarah Speck (all Goethe University Frankfurt) and Prof. Dr. Friedrich Lenger (Justus Liebig University Gießen). A doctorate can be obtained from either the Goethe University Frankfurt or the Justus Liebig University Gießen.

Affiliated to the Institute for Social Research with its interdisciplinary focus on critical social analysis, the research training group offers its scholarship holders a unique research environment with various opportunities for cooperation and an excellent constellation of supervisors. International workshops and conferences as well as internal colloquia, research workshops and reflection days will be part of a structured doctoral supervision, which will enable an intensive, collective-cooperative exchange both on questions of one's own research and on the framework topic of the research training group. For more information on the conceptual orientation of the doctoral programme and the advertised research foci, please visit: <https://www.ifs.uni-frankfurt.de/promotionskolleg.html>.

The [scholarships](#) will be awarded starting December 2022 for a maximum of three years. PhD students currently receive funding of 1,450 € (includes 1,350 € basic stipend, 100 € flat-rate research allowance). In addition, up to 100 € health insurance subsidy and, if applicable, family allowances can be paid.

Doctoral scholarships are awarded according to the [guidelines](#) of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the selection criteria of the Hans-Böckler-Foundation. Applicants must have an above-average degree and be able to account for socio-political or trade union commitment.

### Application procedure

Please apply with the [required documents](#) and an outline of the planned project (max. 10 pages) situating it within the research programme of the doctoral training group. You can find information from the HBS on how to write the project outline [here](#). A letter of recommendation is not required at this stage. Please send your

application by **31 May 2022** via the online application portal of the Hans Böckler Foundation exclusively. The application portal is available [here](#) and will be active up to and including 31 May 2022. The awarded scholarships will be announced in November 2022.

Please direct questions regarding the application process to [bewerbung@boeckler.de](mailto:bewerbung@boeckler.de).

For other questions, please contact the coordinator of the doctoral programme Dr. Alexandra Schauer at [a.schauer@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:a.schauer@em.uni-frankfurt.de).