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In our monthly newsletter we inform you about ICES news, dates, events and about the latest calls for research funding which are particularly relevant for the field of European Studies. If you have any questions, suggestions or if you would like to announce events or recently published calls, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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ICES News

Aktuelles

Villa Vigoni Autumn School in European Studies on “Multipolarism in the Post-Global World”
Internationale Herbstakademie in Italien erneut mit EUF-Beteiligung/ 28.-31.10.25

We are delighted to announce that the *Villa Vigoni Autumn School in European Studies* will take place again from 28–31 October 2025 at Lake Como, Italy. Thanks to the engagement of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Glassmann (EUF) and colleagues from the Universities of Hamburg, Bocconi (BLEST), Salento, Bologna, and Fudan University (Shanghai), a new edition of the Vigoni Autumn School has been made possible. This year’s theme,

“**Multipolarism in the Post-Global World. Nations, Politics and International Relations**”, invites critical reflection on international relations. Fudan University will take part for the first time, placing particular focus on EU–China relations. Four Master’s and doctoral students from EUF will get the opportunity to join participants from the partnering institutions and engage in interdisciplinary exchange across European Studies, history, political science, law and economics. For impressions from previous editions, see the [report on the 2024 Autumn School](#) and the [2023 Autumn School](#).



ICES Dates & Events

ICES Termine & Veranstaltungen

DFG Antragswerkstatt für Wissenschaftler*innen in der Bildungs-, Europa- und Transformationsforschung

ZeBUSS/ICES/CREST Project Grant Proposal Workshop/ First session: 26.09.2025, webex

The DFG Project Grant (Sachbeihilfe) is Germany's most popular topic-open funding format for basic research. Are you considering to submit a Sachbeihilfe proposal or are already working on it, then our DFG Antragswerkstatt in Spring Semester 2025 can support you along your way to submitting the proposal! This workshop, organized by the EUF's three core research centres ZeBUSS, ICES and CREST, is designed for post-doctoral researchers and professors, aiming to complete a DFG proposal over the course of the semester. Participants will meet every 3-4 weeks for 1.5 hours via Webex, forming interdisciplinary or subject-specific groups of 3-4 people. Each session will cover one or more chapters in the proposal template with a peer-to-peer discussion of the participants' proposal sections followed by a brief input about the next chapter. Between sessions, participants will write the designated proposal section and share it a few days before the next meeting for peer review. Concrete dates and organizational details will be determined in the first session. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Simone Onur (simone.onur@uni-flensburg.de), Maria Schwab (maria.schwab@uni-flensburg.de) or Christoph Görlich (Christoph.goerlich@uni-flensburg.de). The first session will take place on Friday, the 26.09.2025, 10-11.30 am via Webex.

Welcome Forum Forschung/ Termin: 23.09.2025; 12-13 Uhr, RIGA 514

Infoveranstaltung zu EUF Forschungsförderung für Neu-Berufene und Mitarbeiter*innen

ZeBUSS, ICES and CREST are planning an information event together with EUF's Department for Research and Science Transfer on research support services at the EUF on **Tuesday, 23.09.2025 from 12-13 in RIGA514**. The Welcome Forum Forschung is aimed in particular at staff who are new to EUF - and of course at all those who are interested in research and research support schemes here. The aim of the Welcome Forum is to provide information about the EUF's offers and to create an opportunity for personal dialogue. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us for further information.

ICES Research Atelier HeSe 2025

ICES Research Atelier (dates to be announced)

The Research Atelier safer space for work-in-progress. Early-stage research is more than welcome! We are happy to accept early proposals for the fall semester (dates will follow, soon). If you would like to present your research, please contact Claudius (Claudius.graebner-radkowitsch@uni-flensburg.de).

Comparative Perspectives on Taxation and the Colonial State/ Termin: 25.–27.09.25

Internationale Konferenz zu Kolonialfinanzen, organisiert von M. Buggeln und J. Kreutz

How did European colonialism function, and who bore its financial and structural costs? From 25 to 27 September 2025, the international conference *Comparative Perspectives on Taxation and the Colonial State* will take place at Europa-Universität Flensburg (Room TAL 007), aiming to establish a comparative framework on colonial fiscal policy. Topics include taxation, public finance, resistance, and long-term effects of colonial rule. The conference will feature two keynote lectures by renowned scholars: Prof. Anne Booth (SOAS London) on “Comparative Research on Colonial Finance,” and Prof. Martin Daunton (Cambridge) on “Colonial Taxation in the Age of Globalized Capitalism.” The event is organized by Marc Buggeln and Jan Kreutz (Research Centre for Regional Contemporary History and Public History) as part of their DFG-funded project "Die Konturen des Kolonialstaats. Steuer- und Haushaltspolitik in den deutschen Kolonien 1884-1914" and is supported by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation ([More information](#)).

Events of the ICES associated EUF-Centres and other EUF centres

Veranstaltungen der assoziierten Zentren und anderer kooperierender EUF Einrichtungen

Zentrum für kleine und regionale Sprachen (KURS): Programm für Frühjahr / Sommer 2025

Programm für Frühjahr/Sommer 2025

Das Programm des Zentrums für kleine und regionale Sprachen (KURS) für das Frühjahrssemester 2025 steht - diesmal reicht es von der frühen Neuzeit bis in die Zukunft für friesisches Unterrichtsmaterial sowie von Südamerika über Köln bis in unsere Region. Wir freuen uns über Zuhörer*innen an den folgenden Mittwochen (17 Uhr s.t.): 1.10., 8.10., 15.10., 12.11., 19.11., 3.12. und 10.12. (weitere Infos folgen im September).

Angebote des Graduiertenzentrums (GraZ)

For PhD Researchers, Post-Docs and Juniorprofessors

Registration is now open for the GraZ professional development workshops in the fall semester. Planned offerings include:

- MAXQDA – Teamwork & Intercoder-Reliabilität [\[Link\]](#)
- MAXQDA Projektwerkstatt [\[Link\]](#)
- Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis und forschungsethische Prinzipien [\[Link\]](#)
- Content Erstellung mit GenAI Tools für die Wissenschaftskommunikation [\[Link\]](#)
- I Lost in Dissertation? Selbstorganisation und Krisenmanagement in der Promotionsphase [\[Link\]](#)
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- Research Funding & Grant Writing [\[Link\]](#)
- Wir wollen reden! Podiumsdiskussionen als dialogorientierte Formate der Wissenschaftskommunikation gestalten [\[Link\]](#)

19th International Research Workshop – Qualitative & Quantitative Methods Training

19. International Research Workshop – Empirische Forschungsmethoden für Promovierende

From 31 August to 5 September 2025, the 19th edition of the International Research Workshop (IRWS) will take place at the Akademie Sankelmark near Flensburg. Organised by the PhD Network with support from Europa-Universität Flensburg, the IRWS offers in-depth training in both qualitative and quantitative social research methods. It is particularly suitable for early-stage PhD students. Course offerings include topics such as Grounded Theory, Data Analysis (Stata, R), Case Study Research, Literature Reviews, Questionnaire Design, and Academic Writing. The fee is €599 (including accommodation and meals) or €399 (excluding accommodation). For details please contact: irwsnetwork@gmail.com. [Link to the workshop registration form](#).



Recently published calls

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➔ *Ongoing funding search tools:* EUF members can access the databases [ELFI](#) and FIT free of charge – simply log in using your EUF email address.

[International project funding /](#)
[Internationale Projektförderung](#)

DFG | Global Call on Resilience Research in Socio-Environmental Systems

*Belmont Forum: Internationale Ausschreibung zur Resilienzforschung in vulnerablen Räumen / Deadline:
17.10.2025*

The DFG is participating in the Belmont Forum's Collaborative Research Action (CRA) "Vulnerability and Resilience Management for Socio-Environmental Systems in Exposed Territories". The call aims to foster

transdisciplinary research that addresses the increasing risks posed by global change and their socio-environmental implications. Project consortia must include international partners and combine disciplines to assess risk, target highly exposed territories, and develop disaster risk reduction strategies. Funding is available for 36-month projects. Proposals must be submitted via the BFgo application portal and in parallel to the DFG via elan. Note: Projects focused mainly on geography may not be eligible for DFG funding. [Further information](#).
Quelle: DFG | Information for Researchers No. 63, 31.07.2025

DFG & AHRC: Bilaterale Förderung exzellenter Geisteswissenschaften wird fortgesetzt

UK-Germany Research Partnership Renewed: New Humanities Funding Rounds Announced / Nächste Deadline: Februar 2026

The German Research Foundation (DFG) and the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) have renewed their successful bilateral funding programme for top-level research in the arts and humanities. Over 110 joint projects have already been supported in the first six rounds. The renewed partnership ensures five additional rounds starting in October 2026. The eighth round will open in October 2025 with a deadline in February 2026. The programme supports collaborative research that fosters academic, institutional, and cultural exchange between Germany and the UK. [Weitere Informationen](#) Quelle: DFG Informationen für die Wissenschaft

DFG: Internationale Kooperationen: Standing Open Procedures für Projektanträge

International cooperation agreements enable continuous submissions for bilateral research funding

Die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) unterhält zahlreiche Kooperationsvereinbarungen mit Förderorganisationen weltweit, um internationale Forschungsprojekte zu ermöglichen. Neben befristeten Ausschreibungen bieten viele dieser Partnerschaften sogenannte „Standing Open Procedures“, die eine Antragstellung jederzeit erlauben (zumindest von Seiten der DFG). Solche kontinuierlich geöffneten Verfahren bestehen u. a. mit Partnern in Österreich, Belgien, der Schweiz, Luxemburg, Tschechien sowie auch mit Partnern in Brasilien (FAPESP), Indien (ICSSR), Kolumbien, der Türkei (TÜBİTAK) und ausgewählten Bereichen in den USA (NSF). Die jeweiligen Förderorganisationen prüfen die Anträge eigenständig, und nur positiv bewertete Anträge beider Seiten werden gefördert. In der Regel müssen Anträge parallel bei DFG und Partnerinstitution eingereicht werden. Further information: [DFG Info page on international cooperation](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 2.7.2025

Volkswagen Foundation: Transformationsprozesse von Demokratien - Neue Förderung für Forschung und Praxis

Transformational Knowledge on Democracies under Change – Transdisciplinary Perspectives / Deadline:

09.11.2025

The Volkswagen Foundation invites proposals for collaborative, transdisciplinary research projects that explore how democracies are changing and how this transformation can be better understood and shaped. The call is aimed at teams from academia and practice, who jointly address transformation knowledge, democratic resilience, and the tensions between democratic values and current societal dynamics.

[Weitere Informationen](#). Quelle: Webseite VolkswagenStiftung, 05.06.2025

National project funding / Nationale Projektförderung

Schleswig-Holstein Science Ministry: Ideenfonds - Seed funding for DFG proposals

Land SH | Ideenfonds zur Unterstützung von DFG-Verbundanträgen/Deadline: 24.09.2025 (internal: 17.09.2025)

The Ministry of Science of Schleswig-Holstein has launched the 4th call of its Ideenfonds programme to provide seed funding for DFG-related third-party funding proposals. Eligible formats include up to €100,000 for **Collaborative Research Centres** (SFB/TRR), €50,000 for **Research Training Groups** (GRK), and €25,000 for **Research Units** (FOR). Applications must be submitted via the university's presidential office. To meet the submission deadline, proposals must first be sent to the finance department for review by 17 September 2025 and then submitted to the presidential office by 24 September 2025. For support and coordination, please contact your ICES, ZeBUSS, CREST and Research Department's advisory team. Source: EUF internal announcement, 04.07.2025

EU: ERC Starting Grant 2026 – Antragstellung für herausragende Forschende 2-7 Jahre nach der Promotion

ERC Starting Grant 2026 Call open for excellent early-career researchers/ Deadline: 14.10.2025

The ERC Starting Grant 2026 call is now open for applications. It supports excellent early-career researchers (2–7 years post-PhD) from all disciplines who are ready to work independently and lead a research project of high scientific ambition. The scheme is thematically open, competitive, and investigator-driven, aiming to support pioneering, high-risk/high-gain research at the frontiers of knowledge. Grants of up to €1.5 million (plus additional funding in specific cases) are available for projects lasting up to five years. [Further information](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 14/07/2025.

DFG: Neue Impulse für die Desinformationsforschung - Interdisziplinäre Projekte gesucht

Call for Proposals: Priority Programme "Rethinking Disinformation (Re:DIS)" (SPP 2573) / Deadline: 01.11.2025

The German Research Foundation (DFG) invites proposals for the new Priority Programme "Rethinking Disinformation (Re:DIS)" (SPP 2573), which aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration on conceptual and empirical approaches to disinformation. Projects should address the epistemic impact of disinformation across at least two disciplines (e.g. philosophy, psychology, social and political sciences, computer science, linguistics, or law). Outreach activities and active participation in the programme's joint events are expected. A virtual roundtable meeting for prospective applicants will take place on 27 June 2025. [Weitere Informationen](#) Quelle: DFG – Information for Researchers No. 45, 2025

DFG & Fraunhofer: Trilaterale Transferprojekte zur KI-basierten Prototypentwicklung

Trilateral Transfer Projects Bridging Research and Application/Deadline: 09.09.2025 (sketch) & 11.03.2026 (full proposal)

The DFG and Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft jointly support trilateral transfer projects aimed at translating findings from basic research into practical applications. Each consortium must include a university (funded by DFG), a Fraunhofer Institute (self-funded), and an implementation partner such as a company (self-funded). The call is open to all disciplines, but projects should build on DFG-funded preliminary work and aim to develop a prototype — ideally involving artificial intelligence methods. Particular encouragement is given to collaborations with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The total funding volume is €3 million, with a project duration of up to three years. Applicants must submit a project outline via the DFG's elan portal by 9 September 2025, and the full proposal by 11 March 2026. Further information: [DFG trilaterale Transferprojekte](#), [Info Wissenschaft 25/44](#). Source: Information für die Wissenschaft Nr. 44

BMFTR: Aufbau DDR-bezogener Forschungsschwerpunkte an Hochschulen

Establishing East German Studies Clusters at German Universities/Deadline: 08.12.2025

The Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) supports the long-term establishment and consolidation of research clusters related to the GDR at German universities. The aim is to strengthen the academic foundation and interdisciplinary networking of DDR-related research, fostering its sustained visibility in the German higher education landscape. Project proposals may include the request of a dedicated research professorship and an interdisciplinary junior research group. Funded initiatives should build or expand institutional expertise on GDR history and its societal implications. Proposals are submitted in a two-stage procedure, beginning with a project outline due by 8 December 2025. Further information: [BMFTR call text](#). Source: BMFTR, 13.06.2025

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung: Wissenschaftliche Projektförderung in sieben Themenfeldern

Hans-Böckler-Foundation: Research Funding Across Seven Key Thematic Areas / Deadline: 13.10.2025

The Hans-Böckler-Foundation supports research projects in seven thematic areas: transformation, structural change and innovation, co-determination and changes in the world of work, global division of labour, welfare state and social market economy institutions, education and qualification, and trade union history. Applications are open to postgraduates at universities and research institutions. Before submitting a full proposal, applicants are required to submit a short project outline. [Weitere Informationen](#) Quelle: Hans-Böckler-Stiftung Homepage, 06.06.2025

Daimler und Benz Stiftung: Forum Forschung: Call for Project Proposals

Wissenschaftliche Projektförderung mit gesellschaftlicher Relevanz / Deadline: 31.10.25

The Daimler and Benz Foundation is now accepting applications for its "Forum Forschung" funding line, supporting innovative scientific projects with clear societal relevance and a manageable scope. Eligible applicants include independent female research group leaders (e.g. professors, junior professors, habilitation candidates, or experienced postdocs with leadership experience) who are affiliated with a university or non-profit research institution in Germany during the funding period. The maximum funding amount is €150,000 per project. Funds may be used for personnel, material, and travel expenses, but not for personal salaries, overheads, or basic equipment. Projects should be completed within three years. Applications must be submitted online in a single PDF document and follow strict formal guidelines. The competitive selection process may involve external reviewers. Further information: [Daimler und Benz Stiftung – Forum Forschung](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 04.08.25

Fellowships and Scholarships /

Stipendien und Lehrstuhlvertretung

EU | MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025 – International Mobility and Career Boosting

EU: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoc-Stellen – Förderung für individuelle Forschungsprojekte / Deadline: 10.09.2025

The 2025 call for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships is now open. The fellowships support postdoctoral researchers in implementing an independent, research project of their choice for up to 2 years (European Fellowships) or 3 years (Global Fellowships). MSCA fellowships aim to enhance career perspectives by strengthening research independence, international collaboration, and intersectoral skills development. Applications must be submitted via the Funding & Tenders Portal by 10 September 2025. Postdocs of any nationality may apply, provided they have defended their doctoral thesis and comply with the mobility rule: they must not have resided or worked in the host country for more than 12 months in the past 3 years. [Further information](#). Source: European Commission, 2025

AvH: Philipp Schwartz Initiative for Hosting Scholars at Risk

AvH: Philipp Schwartz-Initiative zur Förderung gefährdeter Forschender / Deadline: 22.08.2025

The Philipp Schwartz Initiative by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables universities and research institutions in Germany to host at-risk scholars through fully funded research fellowships. The initiative provides support for an initial period of up to 24 months, with the possibility of extending the stay by up to 12 additional months under a co-funding model. Host institutions receive a €20,000 lump sum per funded scholar to cover support measures. Funding includes fixed-rate fellowship payments for the researcher and institutional support for integration. [Further information](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 21.07.2025

DAAD: Hilde Domin-Programm – Schutzstipendien für gefährdete Studierende und Promovierende

Hilde Domin Programme – Scholarships for Students and Doctoral Candidates at Risk/Deadline: 15.09.2025

German higher education institutions can nominate students and doctoral candidates at risk for the upcoming selection round of the Hilde Domin Programme until 15 September 2025 (intended start of studies: winter term 2026/27). Nominations must include a completed and signed risk assessment questionnaire. [Further information](#). Source: DAAD, Hilde Domin Programme, 03.07.2025.

ViCAS: Early-Career Fellowships for Interdisciplinary Research in Vienna

Early-Career Fellowship Programm für internationale Nachwuchsforschende/Deadline: 01.09.2025

The Vienna Center for Advanced Studies (ViCAS) invites applications for its Early-Career Fellowship programme, running from 1 October 2026 to 30 June 2027. Open to researchers from all academic disciplines who completed their PhD within the past eight years, the programme supports ambitious, curiosity-driven projects that cross disciplinary boundaries. Fellows receive a stipend of €5,500 per month, an additional €1,500 per month for accommodation, and €500 monthly for each accompanying child under 18. ViCAS offers office space in central Vienna, access to local research libraries and networks, and integration into an active intellectual community. Selection is based on research

originality, academic excellence, and potential for collaboration at the University of Vienna. [Further information](#). Souce: FIT Newsletter, 16.07.2025

Stiftung Mercator: Fellowships für Persönlichkeiten aus Wissenschaft und Praxis

Fellowships for Visionary Thinkers from Academia and Civil Society/Deadline: anytime

Die Stiftung Mercator vergibt fortlaufend Fellowships an herausragende Persönlichkeiten aus Wissenschaft und Praxis, die ein eigenständig entwickeltes Vorhaben in einem der Themenschwerpunkte der Stiftung realisieren möchten: digitalisierte Gesellschaft, Europa in der Welt, Klimaschutz sowie Teilhabe und Zusammenhalt. Die Projekte können frei oder in einer etablierten Gastinstitution im In- oder Ausland innerhalb von drei bis zwölf Monaten durchgeführt werden. Die Förderung umfasst eine monatliche Grundfinanzierung, Sachkosten sowie Pauschalen für Reise-, Publikations- und Veranstaltungsausgaben. Bewerben können sich Personen, die einer Hochschule, gemeinnützigen Organisation oder NGO angehören. Das zweistufige Verfahren beginnt mit der Einreichung einer Projektskizze, die jederzeit möglich ist. Further information: [Stiftung Mercator – Fellowship-Programm](#).

Mellon/SAR: Academic Freedom Workshop & Fellowships 2025–26

Forschungstipendien zur akademischen Freiheit für Early Career Researchers / Deadline: 29.08.2025

Scholars at Risk (SAR), in partnership with the Mellon Foundation, invites applications for the 2025–26 Academic Freedom Workshop & Fellowship Program. The 10-month fellowship supports early-career researchers and other scholars who wish to pursue a research, teaching, or public engagement project focused on academic freedom. Fellows will receive a stipend of approximately USD 8,000 and participate in virtual monthly workshops between December 2025 and September 2026 to present their work and engage with peers. The fellowship is open to applicants globally and is designed to support significant outputs such as publications, courses, workshops, or webinars. Applications are due by 29 August 2025, with decisions announced in November 2025. [Further information](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 21.07.2025

Canon Foundation: Fellowships for European Researchers in Japan

Research mobility between Europe and Japan/ Deadline: 15.09.2025

The Canon Foundation in Europe awards up to 15 fellowships annually to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers. European fellows conduct research in Japan, while Japanese fellows pursue projects in Europe. Fellowships are granted for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 1 year and are open to applicants from all disciplines. The programme supports early-career and senior researchers alike. Further information: [Canon Foundation – Research Fellowships](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 02/07/2025

Press Foundation Flensburg: Award for Outstanding Theses and Doctoral Dissertations

Dr.-Hans-Adolf-Rossen-Preis für Abschlussarbeiten in Wirtschaft & Technik / Deadline: 31.10.2025

The Press Foundation Flensburg is announcing the 17th Dr.-Hans-Adolf-Rossen Award, honouring outstanding academic theses and dissertations in the fields of business and technology. Eligible are final theses by students and doctoral dissertations with economic relevance, completed during the autumn semester 2024/25 or the spring semester 2025. The total prize sum is €10,000. Nominations must be submitted by 31 October 2025.

Source: Email Announcement, EUF, 21.07.2025

DFG and Stifterverband: Call for Applications: Communicator Award 2026

Recognize Outstanding Science Communication / Deadline: 30.09.25

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) is now accepting nominations and self-applications for the "Communicator Award – Science Award of the Stifterverband" 2026. This €50,000 prize honors individual researchers or research teams who have demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in communicating their scientific work and disciplines to broader audiences. Eligible applicants must be affiliated with universities or non-university research institutions in Germany. Registration in the Elan Portal must be completed by 23.09.25. The winner will be announced in spring 2026, with the award ceremony held on 29.06.26 during the DFG annual meeting in Bonn. [Further information](#). DFG Information für die Wissenschaft | Nr. 65, 04.08.2025

Academics: Nachwuchspreis 2025 – Deadline: 31.08.2025

Award for researchers advancing science and academia

The career platform academics (ZEIT Verlagsgruppe & German Association of University Professors) invites nominations for its 2025 Early Career Researcher Award. The €5,000 prize honours doctoral candidates or postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines who have significantly advanced their field through innovative research and demonstrated outstanding commitment to the academic community. Self-nominations

are not accepted; submissions must come from third parties. The winner will be announced at the German Science Gala in Berlin on 23 March 2026. Further information: www.academics.de/nachwuchspreis. Source: ZEIT Verlagsgruppe, 26/06/2025.

Other funding opportunities /

Weitere Fördermöglichkeiten

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung: Maria-Weber-Grant for Junior Professors and Habilitation Candidates

Lehrvertretung für mehr Forschungszeit / Deadline: 15.09.25

The Hans Böckler Foundation awards the Maria-Weber-Grant to support outstanding early-career female scholars—junior professors and habilitation candidates—from all academic disciplines. The program provides up to 40,000 EUR (20,000 EUR per semester) over a period of up to 12 months to fund a partial teaching replacement, allowing more time for research. Applications for the next round are open until 15 September 2025. Further information: [Maria-Weber-Grant – Hans-Böckler-Stiftung](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 04.08.25

Volkswagen Foundation: SCOPING Workshops – International Call for Innovative Research Dialogues

Förderung interdisziplinärer SCOPING Workshops in Schloss Herrenhausen/ Deadline: 16.09.25

The Volkswagen Foundation invites researchers based at German universities and research institutions to apply for support for SCOPING Workshops. These workshops are designed to promote interdisciplinary exchange, early-stage exploration of new research topics, and strategic thinking within and across disciplines. They are held at the Xplanatorium Herrenhausen in Hanover and include funding for travel, personnel, materials, childcare, and organisational support. International co-applicants are welcome. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the foundation's portal, where guidelines, templates, and application details are available. Further information: [VolkswagenStiftung – SCOPING Workshops](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 04.08.25

DAAD: Dialogue-Oriented Grants for Academic Cooperation with Eastern and Southeastern Europe

Förderprogramme für internationale Hochschulkooperationen / Deadline: 01.09.2025

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites applications for its interdisciplinary funding schemes “Ost-West-Dialog” and “Hochschuldialog mit Ländern des westlichen Balkans”. These programmes support academic cooperation with partner institutions in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus and Central Asia. The goal is to strengthen democratic structures and civil society through joint formats such as workshops, summer schools, study visits, and teaching collaborations. Projects should encourage international exchange and regional networking, especially for early career researchers. Proposals may include civil society actors. Weitere Informationen: [Ost-West-Dialog, Hochschuldialog mit Ländern des westlichen Balkans - DAAD](#); Quelle: DAAD / BiMi SH E-Mail vom 24.07.2025

Stifterverband: Future Scouts – Nachwuchsförderung für innovative Hochschulimpulse

Scholarships for young researchers to shape the future of higher education/ Deadline: 15.08.2025

The Stifterverband's “Future Scouts” programme supports Master's students and doctoral candidates who wish to contribute their perspectives to innovation processes in higher education. Fellows will analyze trends, identify “weak signals,” and develop strategic impulses on key topics such as innovation structures, flexible learning pathways, and future scenarios for higher education. Selected Future Scouts receive up to €5,000 in funding and gain visibility through the Stifterverband's work in higher education reform. [Further information](#). Source: FIT Newsletter, 23/06/2025

General information, events and research policy

Allgemeine Informationen, Veranstaltungen und Forschungspolitik

EU-Kommission: Vorschläge zu MFR und Horizon Europe (2028–2034) veröffentlicht

European Commission Presents Proposals for MFF and Horizon Europe FP10 (2028–2034)

Am 16. Juli 2025 stellte die Europäische Kommission ihren Vorschlag für den nächsten mehrjährigen Finanzrahmen (MFR) vor, der den Zeitraum 2028 bis 2034 abdeckt. Mit einem Gesamtvolumen von fast 2 Billionen Euro enthält der Vorschlag auch einen umfassenden Entwurf für das nächste EU-Rahmenprogramm für Forschung und Innovation, erneut unter dem Namen Horizon Europe. Das geplante Budget für Horizon Europe liegt bei ca. 175 Mrd. Euro und soll eng mit dem neu vorgeschlagenen Europäischen Wettbewerbsfonds

(ECF) verknüpft werden, um Übergänge von Grundlagenforschung zu anwendungsnaher Innovation zu erleichtern. Hervorzuheben ist insbesondere ein eigener **Aktionsbereich „Gesellschaft“** innerhalb der zweiten Säule von Horizon Europe mit einem geplanten Budget von 7,6 Mrd. Euro. Dieser Bereich wird **themenoffene Forschung** zu zentralen gesellschaftlichen Herausforderungen ermöglichen – darunter Migration, Desinformation, Demokratie, Resilienz und integrative Gesellschaften. Die Struktur von Horizon Europe (2028–2034) gliedert sich in vier Säulen: Säule I – Exzellente Wissenschaft (ERC, MSCA, JRC), Säule II – Wettbewerbsfähigkeit und Gesellschaft (inkl. 5 Themenfelder und dem Aktionsbereich „Gesellschaft“), Säule III – Innovation (u.a. EIC, Innovationsökosysteme), Säule IV – Europäischer Forschungsraum (ERA). [Weitere Informationen](#). Quelle: KoWi-Newsletter, 18.07.2025

NKS Gesellschaft: Vorabentwurf des neuen Arbeitsprogramms 2026/2027 für Cluster 2 liegt vor

Early Draft of Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Work Programme 2026/2027 available upon request

Die Nationale Kontaktstelle (NKS) Gesellschaft informiert, dass ihr bereits ein erster Entwurf des Arbeitsprogramms 2026/2027 für Cluster 2 „Kultur, Kreativität und inklusive Gesellschaft“ vorliegt. Auch wenn sich in den kommenden Monaten noch Änderungen ergeben können, zeichnet sich ab, dass die zentralen thematischen Linien des aktuellen Programms weitgehend fortgeführt werden. Interessierte Forschende sollten sich frühzeitig mit ihren Projektideen an die NKS wenden, um ausreichend Zeit für Konzeptentwicklung und Antragstellung einzuplanen. Source: NKS Gesellschaft Newsletter 07/2025

EU: KI-Verhaltenskodex und neue Forschungstools auf "AI-on-Demand"-Plattform

AI Code of Conduct and Expanded Tools for Researchers via AI-on-Demand Platform

Die Europäische Union hat einen freiwilligen Verhaltenskodex für „General Purpose AI“ (GPAI) veröffentlicht. Dieser richtet sich insbesondere an Forschende und Expert:innen im Bereich Sicherheit und enthält Empfehlungen zu Transparenz, Urheberrecht und Risikomanagement. Zeitgleich wurde die europäische Plattform „AI-on-Demand“ erweitert: Forschende erhalten nun besseren Zugang zu Open-Source-Modellen, annotierten Datensätzen, Testumgebungen und Rechenressourcen, um KI-Anwendungen zu entwickeln und zu

testen. Diese Maßnahmen sind Teil der ERA Policy Agenda 2025–2027 und sollen verantwortungsvolle KI-Forschung in Europa stärken. [Mehr Infos zum GPAI](#), "[AI-on-Demand](#)"-Plattform. Quelle: EUBrief 7/2025

Europäische Kommission: Neuer Vorschlag für Erasmus+ ab 2028

European Commission: Proposal for Erasmus+ 2028–2034 Programme

Am 17. Juli 2025 hat die Europäische Kommission ihren Vorschlag für das nächste Erasmus+ Programm 2028–2034 vorgelegt. Geplant ist ein Gesamtbudget von 40,8 Milliarden Euro, was eine deutliche Steigerung gegenüber dem aktuellen Programm (2021–2027: 26,2 Mrd. Euro) bedeutet. Der neue Vorschlag sieht zwei zentrale Säulen vor: „Learning opportunities for all“ sowie „Capacity building support“, mit einem klaren Fokus auf Bildungsmobilität, Inklusion und europäische Solidarität. Neu ist auch die geplante Integration des Europäischen Solidaritätskorps, womit Erasmus+ zur zentralen Plattform für EU-finanzierte Jugendprojekte ausgebaut werden soll. [Weitere Informationen](#). [Offizieller Vorschlag der Europäischen Kommission](#). [Factsheet](#). Quelle: EUBrief 7/2025

KoWi: Unterstützung bei MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships – Proposal Check

Antragssichtung für MSCA-Fellowships mit deutscher Gastinstitution / Deadline: 13.08.2025

As part of the 2025 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships call (submission deadline: 10 September 2025), KoWi offers to review applications involving a German host institution. To benefit from detailed feedback, applicants must submit their complete draft proposals by 13 August 2025 to: msca-proposal-check@kowi.de. The fellowships are designed to strengthen the careers of postdoctoral researchers through a personalised research project and the acquisition of complementary skills, with a strong emphasis on international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility. KoWi cooperates with the National Contact Point for MSCA to enhance the quality of advisory services. Further information (KoWi). Source: KoWi Newsletter, 25.07.2025

DFG Info Talks on Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

Prospects: Vortragsreihe zum DFG-Förderangebot für wissenschaftliche Karrieren / Termine: 26.05.–11.12.2025

The DFG regularly offers online information sessions on its funding programmes for early career researchers. The DFG Prospects series presents a variety of funding opportunities. Upcoming dates include:

15.09.2025, 14:00–15:30 – DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs

14.10.2025, 13:30–15:00 – Walter Benjamin-Programm (in German)

11.12.2025, 16:00–17:30 – DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs

[Weitere Informationen](#) Quelle: DFG, Juni 2025

ECPR and ECSR Events and Calls

ECPR and ECSR Veranstaltungen und Calls

ICES is an ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) and ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research) member institution, providing ICES members significantly reduced fees for ECSR and ECPR conferences and method schools as well as access to exclusive funding opportunities and working groups.

ECPR: SGEU Future Grants for PhD Research on EU Integration

Fördermittel für Feldforschung zur Europäischen Integration für Promovierende / Deadline: 30.09.2025

The ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU) has launched the second round of its SGEU Future Grants, a competitive funding scheme for PhD candidates conducting research on European integration or the European Union. **Grants of up to €5,000** are available to support costs related to fieldwork and data collection. Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme and show how the funding would significantly advance their research. [Further information](#). Source: ECPR News Bulletin, 25.07.2025

ECPR | Rising Star Award 2025 – Honouring Future Leaders in Political Science

Auszeichnung für Nachwuchswissenschaftler:innen der Politikwissenschaft / Deadline: 26.09.2025

The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) is accepting nominations for its Rising Star Award, which recognises outstanding early career scholars in the fields of politics and international relations. The award honours individuals who have demonstrated exceptional

potential to shape the future of the discipline. Nominations are open to scholars affiliated with an ECPR member institution. [Further information](#). Source: ECPR News Bulletin, 25.07.2025

ECPR: Call for Workshop Proposals – Joint Sessions 2026 in Innsbruck

Workshop-Vorschläge für die Joint Sessions 2026 gesucht / Deadline: 30.09.2025

The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) invites scholars to submit workshop proposals for the 2026 Joint Sessions of Workshops, taking place from 7–10 April 2026 at the University of Innsbruck. The Joint Sessions provide a prestigious and dynamic setting for intensive collaboration, career development, and scholarly exchange across all fields of political science and related disciplines. Workshop directors will have the opportunity to lead thematic debates, foster international collaboration, and raise their academic profile. [Further Information](#) & [Proposal Guidelines](#). Quelle: ECPR Newsletter, 31.07.2025

ECPR | Free Online Seminar: Crises and Policy Process Research

Online-Seminar zu Krisen und politischer Entscheidungsfindung / Termin: 10.09.2025, 16:00 Uhr (MESZ)

The ECPR Standing Group on Public Policy invites to a free online seminar titled “Crises and Policy Process Research”, taking place on Wednesday, 10 September 2025 at 15:00 BST (16:00 CEST). [Further information](#). Source: ECPR News Bulletin, 25.07.2025

ECPR Gruppen und Netzwerke

Conferences of Standing Groups - Deadlines approaching

Summer School of the Standing Group on Political Parties; 22 – 26 September 2025, University of Duisburg-Essen; Applications are now open! Deadline: 9 July.

Save the date: **European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG)** by the ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics; hosted by Newcastle University; 15-17.6.2026



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