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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.



ICES News
Aktuelles

DFG fördert internationales Kooperationsprojekt von Sören Carlson

New collaboration explores Erasmus+ and transnational class formation / 10.25–09.26

Dr. Sören Carlson (Europa-Universität Flensburg) has received funding from the DFG's Initiation of International Collaboration programme to strengthen a research collaboration with Prof. Karolina Bargłowski (Université du Luxembourg), Prof. Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė (Vilnius University), and Dr. Thais França (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon). The project will explore whether and how Erasmus+ functions as a site of transnational class formation. Over the course of 12 months, the team will meet for two workshops in Flensburg and conduct research visits to Lisbon and Luxembourg.

VolkswagenStiftung fördert Workshop zur Europasozioogie

Workshop grant awarded for "Europe in Flux" / Date: 18.–20.02.26

Dr. Sören Carlson (Sociology, Europa-Universität Flensburg), together with J.-Prof. Dr. Daniel Drewski (University of Bamberg), Dr. Zsófia S. Ignácz (Goethe University Frankfurt), and Dr. Susann Worschech (European University Viadrina), has received funding from the Volkswagen Foundation to organise a workshop on 'Europe in flux – implications for the sociology of European integration'. The event will take place at the Foundation's Herrenhausen Conference Centre in Hannover and will bring together scholars from across Europe to critically discuss current challenges and new directions in the sociology of European integration.

ICES Call for Proposals to Strengthen European Studies at EUF

ICES Forschungsförderung mit zwei neuen Förderoptionen / Deadline: 15.10.2025

The Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies (ICES) invites proposals from its members for initiatives that enhance European Studies at EUF. Funding is available for a wide range of activities, including third-party funding applications, international conferences, fellowships, Open Access fees, and research infrastructure. New in this semester's call are opportunities for seed funding of pre-studies and support for journal editing. Applications (1–2 pages in English or German) should outline the project idea, background, relevance, timeline, and estimated costs. While the main deadline is 15 October 2025, later submissions may still be considered depending on available funds. [Further information](#).



ICES Dates & Events

ICES Termine & Veranstaltungen

International Conference in honour of Hauke Brunkhorst , 22nd- 24th of October 2025

Zwischen Rechtsrevolution und sozialer Evolution. Sozio-historische Narrative europäischer Gesellschaften

The conference contributions discuss the relationship between social evolution and legal revolution from sociological, political science, historical, and legal perspectives. The social evolution of law and the constitutional interplay between law and politics are key aspects of societal development over the past millennium. The analyses of law presented in the conference papers contribute to a deeper understanding of the current social situation. Everybody is welcome throughout the conference, prior registration is not necessary. The conference will take place in TAL 007 und HEL 160. More information and a detailed programme can be found on the ICES [website](#) which will be updated continuously.

ICES Research Atelier HeSe 2025

Autumn semester sessions now scheduled

The Research Atelier safer space for work-in-progress. Early-stage research is more than welcome! The following dates are tentative and subject to change. All sessions start at 09:30 a.m. and end around 10:30 a.m. and take place in RIGA 601 or online via [webex](#).

Date	Presenter	Title
09.10.	Viktoria Aygül	Between two worlds? Russian-speakers in Latvia and their perception of democracy
30.10.	Christopher Little-Cowart	Language dominance shapes attitudes toward linguistic variation in Eivissa
06.11.	Pavlina Heinzova	Predictors of parental attitudes to Frisian: A comparative study from Nordfriesland and Fryslan
27.11.	Pauline Ahlhaus	TBA

04.12.	Leona Polyanskaya	TBA
11.12.	Anna-Katharina Kothe	Simulation Models in Economics: Empirical Findings
18.12.	Katharina Prehn	TBA

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

Veranstaltungen der assoziierten Zentren und anderer kooperierender EUF Einrichtungen

Wasatia Lecture by Prof. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm and Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela

“Bearing Witness” / Termin: 10.12.2025, 16-18 h

Hosted by EUF's Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela and Prof. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm will give a lecture on “Bearing Witness”. The event will take place on December 10th, from 16:00 to 18:00 p.m. at the Tallin Building including an introduction by our president, Prof. Dr. Christiane Hipp.

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

Programme for autumn 2025

In diesem Semester beteiligt sich KURS an der Vorlesungsreihe „Sprache in Gesellschaft“ der Fakultät II. Wir freuen uns über Zuhörer*innen an den folgenden Mittwochen (17 Uhr s.t.), in RIG 401. Mehr Infos zur gesamten Vorlesungsreihe gibt es hier.

Date	Presenter	Title
08.10.	Johanna Fay (EUF, Germanistik)	“orthographic shaming”. Warum eine schnöde Schreibnorm als Distinktionsmittel erhalten kann
15.10.	Georg Kremnitz (Wien)	Folgen des Kolonialismus für die Sprachen der Kolonisierten

29.10.	Kevin Behrens (Bremen)/ Robert Langhanke (EUF, Niederdeutsch)	Niederdeutschnormierung am Beispiel des SASS-Wörterbuchs und der neue Standarddiskurs	
12.11.	Nils Langer (EUF, Friesisch)	Der arme Dativ, der gute Genitiv: zur Geschichte der Standardsprache	
10.12.	Karoline Kühl (EUF, Dänisch)	Same same, but different: Unterschiedliche Normen für Auswandererdänisch in Nordamerika	ntinien und

Centre for Irish Studies

Programme for autumn 2025

Date	Time	Presenter / more info	Title
08.10.	18:15	Film Screening	Belfast (OSL 248)
13.10.	18:00	Michelle Witen and others (online)	EFACIS Roundtable Discussion „Celibacy in Irish Women’s Writing”, more info can be found here
27.11.		Lucy Caldwell (Northern Irish author)	Save the date!!!

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:

- 09.10.: MAXQDA Projektwerkstatt [\[Link\]](#)
 - 14.10.: Content Erstellung mit GenAI Tools für die Wissenschaftskommunikation [\[Link\]](#)
 - 24.10.: I Lost in Dissertation? Selbstorganisation und Krisenmanagement in der Promotionsphase [\[Link\]](#)
 - 28.10.: Daten? Algorithmen? (Epistemologische) Herausforderungen digitaler Methoden in den Geisteswissenschaften [\[Link\]](#)
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- 29.10.-30.10.2025: Karrierecoaching: Mit der Promotion raus aus der Wissenschaft? [\[Link\]](#)
 - 17.11.: Gute Promotionsbetreuung - reflektiert, fördernd und verantwortungsvoll [\[Link\]](#)
 - 21.11.: Statistik [\[Link\]](#)
 - 25.11.: Wir wollen reden! Podiumsdiskussionen als dialogorientierte Formate der Wissenschaftskommunikation gestalten [\[Link\]](#)
 - 05.12.: Research Funding & Grant Writing [\[Link\]](#)
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Recently published calls

Aktuelle Ausschreibungen

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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.

Vorabveröffentlichung des Horizon Europe Arbeitsprogramms 2026–27

Democracy, Culture and Transformation in the 2026–27 Draft Work Programme / Deadlines: 16.09.2026 & 16.09.2027

The draft Work Programme 2026–27 for Cluster 2 – *Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society* – offers a wide range of topics highly relevant to social sciences and humanities (SSH). While the current programme maintains a substantial budget share for dedicated SSH calls, structural changes are expected in the next framework programme from 2028, which may reduce the opportunities of SSH in future funding lines. The 2026–27 calls are organised across three thematic destinations within the calls of 2026 and 2027:

2026 - Selected calls relevant to ICES members (Opening: 12 May / Deadline: 16 Sep 2026)

- DEMOCRACY-01: Tackling gender-based violence against politically active women and LGBTIQ people
- DEMOCRACY-07: Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction
- HERITAGE-06: Safeguarding linguistic diversity in Europe
- TRANSFO-08: Implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum
- TRANSFO-09: Rethinking long-term care in view of demographic shifts

2027 – Selected calls relevant to ICES members (Opening: 13 May / Deadline: 16 Sep 2027)

- DEMOCRACY-01: Advisory support and network for countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarisation
 - DEMOCRACY-04: Addressing the impact of artificial intelligence, cyberviolence, and deepfakes on equality, democracy and inclusive societies
 - DEMOCRACY-08: Global human rights and EU values
 - HERITAGE-07: Societal impact of cultural heritage
 - HERITAGE-08: Safeguarding & transmission of intangible cultural heritage
 - TRANSFO-03: Rethinking sustainable competitiveness beyond traditional perspectives
 - TRANSFO-04: Labour mobility in the EU
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This is only a selection – the full draft work programme includes many additional thematic calls and detailed descriptions that may be of interest to ICES members. Early consortium-building and strategic alignment are highly recommended to maximise success in this competitive context. More information and detailed descriptions of the calls can be downloaded [here](#). Source: *Draft Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027, Cluster 2. KoWi Website, October 2025*

DFG: Standing Open Submission Opportunities for International Research Projects

DFG: Fortlaufende Einreichmöglichkeiten für internationale Verbundprojekte

To strengthen international cooperation, the DFG maintains Standing Open Procedures with partner organisations in Europe and worldwide. These allow year-round proposal submissions within the Individual Research Grants Programme. In Europe, bilateral cooperation is possible with:

- **Austria** – FWF (Austrian Science Fund)
- **Belgium** – FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) and F.R.S.–FNRS (Fund for Scientific Research)
- **Czech Republic** – GACR (Czech Science Foundation)
- **Luxembourg** – FNR (Luxembourg National Research Fund)
- **Poland** – NCN (National Science Centre)
- **Slovenia** – ARIS (Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency)
- **Switzerland** – SNSF (Swiss National Science Foundation)
- **Italy** – Autonomous Province of Bolzano/South Tyrol (Lead Agency model)

Outside of Europe, the DFG collaborates with:

- **Brazil** – FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation)
- **Colombia** – UNIANDES and UdeA
- **India** – ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research, SSH only)
- **Turkey** – TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey)
- **USA** – NSF (Natural, life, and engineering sciences, selected fields)

Applications must be submitted in parallel to both DFG and the respective partner organisation. Each side evaluates independently; funding is granted only if both sides approve. Source: FIT Newsletter, 01.10.2025. [Further information.](#)

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. Source: DFG – Information for Researchers No. 45, 2025. [Further information](#).

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

BMFTR: Diversity connects – Strengthening Diversity in Science

Vielfalt verbindet – Förderbekanntmachung zur Stärkung von Vielfalt in der Wissenschaft / Deadline: 31.10.2025

With the funding guideline “Diversity connects”, the Federal Ministry of Education, Research and Technology Transfer (BMFTR) supports projects and activities that contribute to the structural strengthening of diversity within the science system. The program particularly funds initiatives that promote exchange and networking between interest groups, universities, and research institutions, dismantle barriers, and enhance the participation of underrepresented groups. The aim is to increase the visibility of diverse perspectives, professionalize anti-discrimination efforts,

and thereby sustainably strengthen the innovative capacity and excellence of German science. Successful measures are expected to achieve measurable effects, such as the establishment of new networks, the development of guidelines, or the implementation of diversity plans. Source: BMFTR, 03.07.2025. [Further information](#)

Fellowships and Scholarships / Stipendien und Lehrstuhlvertretung

Fulbright Germany: Doctoral Grants for Research in the United States

Fulbright-Stipendium für Forschungsaufenthalte in den USA für Promovierende / Deadline: 05.11.2025, 14:00 Uhr

Fulbright Germany invites applications from doctoral researchers of all disciplines who wish to conduct a 4–6-month research project in the United States starting from 1 August 2026. The programme supports early career researchers with funding for research stays at U.S. universities or research institutions. Applications are due by 5 November 2025 at 14:00 CET. An online info session will take place on 16 October 2025, 15:00–16:00, offering further guidance on the programme and application process. Source: Fulbright Germany, 02.10.2025. [Further information](#).

Azrieli Foundation: International Visiting PhD Fellowship in Israel

Azrieli-Stiftung: Forschungsaufenthalte für Promovierende in Israel / Deadline: 27.10.2025

The Azrieli International Visiting PhD Fellowship supports short-term research stays at Israeli universities, starting in spring 2026. The programme is open to PhD candidates worldwide and offers a monthly stipend of 12,000 ILS for up to four months. Applicants must secure an academic sponsor in Israel prior to applying. Those planning to begin their stay in fall 2026 may apply starting in March 2026. Source: Azrieli Foundation. [Further information](#).

Max Weber Foundation: Tandem Scholarships for East Central European History

Max-Weber-Stiftung: Tandem-Stipendien zur Geschichte Ostmitteleuropas / Deadline: 15.10.2025

The German Historical Institute Warsaw (GHI) and the Research Centre Ukraine in Lviv (RCU), both part of the Max Weber Foundation, jointly offer tandem scholarships to support advanced research in German and East Central European history. The programme funds research stays in at

least two of the following countries: Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, or the Czech Republic. Scholarships are awarded for 1–4 months and are primarily aimed at early-career, non-tenured scholars. Monthly funding currently amounts to €1,300 for doctoral students and €1,800 for postdocs. Applications must be submitted by **15 October 2025** for research stays starting between mid-November 2025 and June 2026. Source: Max Weber Foundation. [Further information.](#)

Research Prizes / Preise und Auszeichnungen

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.

Other funding opportunities / Weitere Fördermöglichkeiten

Internal EUF Funding Update: SHK/WHK Support Reinstated for 2025

Wiederaufnahme der SHK/WHK-Förderung für Promovierende an der EUF / Deadline: 23.10.2025

The EUF Committee for Research and Knowledge Transfer has reinstated the funding line for student assistant (SHK/WHK) support for doctoral and early career researchers, which had been suspended due to budget constraints. Applications can be submitted electronically until 23 October 2025 for consideration at the upcoming committee meeting on 06 November 2025. Due to limited resources, this programme will be funded at a lower priority than ongoing support lines. Other funding programmes remain unchanged:

- Conference travel grants for early career researchers
- EUF-hosted academic and transfer events
- Publication grants for dissertations and habilitations
- Open Access publication funding (state-level fund for early career researchers)

For more information, forms, and guidelines, please visit the [EUF research funding page](#)

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: Call for Applications – UK-German Frontiers of Humanities Symposium 2026

AvH-Stiftung: Interdisziplinärer Austausch zu „Truth, Justice and Peace“ in deutsch-britischer Perspektive / Deadline: 29.10.2025

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the British Academy invite applications for the 7th UK-German Frontiers of Humanities Symposium, to be held from 10–12 June 2026 in Bonn. A total of 30 researchers from Germany and the UK will be selected to participate. The event focuses on interdisciplinary dialogue around the theme “Truth, Justice and Peace” and includes the opportunity to apply for seed funding for collaborative projects following the symposium. Source: FIT Newsletter, 10.09.2025. [Further information](#) .

General information, events and research policy

Allgemeine Informationen, Veranstaltungen und Forschungspolitik

ERC introduces changes to evaluation and application formats in 2026 and 2027

Neue Regeln für Antragstellung und Begutachtung bei ERC-Förderlinien

In September 2025, ERC President Maria Leptin outlined significant changes to the ERC evaluation and application process. Starting with the 2026 Work Programme, the structure of Part B2 will be shortened to a 7-page limit, and the feasibility of the proposed research project will be assessed only at the second stage of evaluation. From 2027 onward, the eligibility windows for Starting and Consolidator Grants will be extended.

To reduce workload for evaluation panels, further measures include the removal of mandatory individual comments on applicants in stage one and a new rule allowing panels to omit discussion of proposals that receive low scores (≤ 3.5) from all reviewers. Source: ERC Communication, 15.09.2025. [Further information](#).

KoWi Webinar Series on the Future of EU Research Funding

Neue KoWi-Reihe zu Horizont Europa und dem 10. Rahmenprogramm / Termine: ab 02.10.2025

Starting October 2nd, 2025, KoWi will host a four-part mini webinar series titled "Horizon Europe, aus alt mach neu? – Die Zukunft der EU-Förderung für Forschung und Innovation". Held weekly on Thursdays from 13:30 to 14:15 p.m., the sessions will provide insights into the current state of Horizon Europe and the early developments shaping the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10). Source: KoWi Newsletter, September 2025.

DFG Info Talks on Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

Prospects: Vortragsreihe zum DFG-Förderangebot für wissenschaftliche Karrieren / Termine: 14.10. & 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:

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

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

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.

ECSR Conference 2026: Inequality by Design? Social Divides in an Age of Uncertainty – Trinity College Dublin

Soziale Ungleichheit und gesellschaftliche Spaltung im Fokus der ECSR-Jahrestagung / Deadline: 11.01.2026 (Call for Papers)

The next annual conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) will take place from **15–17 June 2026 at Trinity College Dublin**. Under the title Inequality by Design? Social Divides in an Age of Uncertainty, the event will address structural inequalities in contemporary societies. The Call for Papers is open from 6 September 2025 to 11 January 2026. Organisers: Richard Layte, Daniel Capistrano, and Jan Skopek. Source: ECSR Newsletter 09/2025. [Further information](#).

ECSR: Travel Grants for Participation in the 2026 Annual Conference in Dublin

ECSR-Reisestipendien für Promovierende aus ITC-Ländern / Deadline: 20.02.2026

The European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) offers travel grants of up to €1,000 to support PhD students and researchers from institutions in COST “Inclusiveness Target Countries” who plan to attend the 2026 ECSR Annual Conference in Dublin. Grants cover travel and accommodation costs, the conference fee, and the conference dinner. Applications are open from 13 to 20 February 2026. Source: ECSR Newsletter 09/2025. [Further information](#).

ECPR: General Conference 2026 at Jagiellonian University, Kraków

Call for Sections für die Jahrestagung der ECPR

The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) will host its 2026 General Conference from 8–11 September at Jagiellonian University in Kraków. The Call for Sections will open in October 2025. The ECPR General Conference is one of the leading annual events in political science,

offering opportunities for scholarly exchange and networking across a wide range of subfields. Source: ECPR News Bulletin 2025. [Further information](#).

ECPR Method Trainings

Book your courses at a reduced fee for EUF-members

Survey Design (12 – 14 November 2025, Online, Taught by Julia Partheymüller; [more information](#))

Doing Fieldwork in Challenging Environments (3 – 7 November 2025, Online, Taught by Vera Axyonova, [more information](#))



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