



**HERDER
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Short-time Fellowships „Leibniz Graduate School for Cultures of Knowledge in Central European Transnational Contexts“

The Herder Institute in Marburg, in collaboration with the International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC) and the Gießen Centre for Eastern Europe (GiZo) at the Justus Liebig University in Gießen and financed through the Initiative for Research and Innovation of the Leibniz Association, offers for a duration of four months

2 short-time fellowships

The graduate programme is devoted to a fundamental problem of the transfer of knowledge, which, in spite of the successes in the educational field which have come with the expansion of the EU to the east, still remains as controversial as ever – the increasing internationalisation of research and the shift that has taken place in concepts and forms of organisation. It is particularly in Central European East-West contexts that a consensus concerning the fundamental questions about cultures of knowledge is being characterised on the one hand by innovative borrowings, and, on the other, by an obstinate persistence in national traditions and patterns of interpretation. Against this, the Leibniz Graduate School sets the concept of multilateral transfer of knowledge through dialogue.

With its short-time fellowships, the Leibniz Graduate School would like to support appropriate PhD-projects. The fellowships can be taken up any time from 1st May 2011 up to 1st November 2011.

The Leibniz Graduate School is open to all projected PhD theses that are specifically designed to make a substantive contribution to a discussion of the following topics:

- European academic cultures and academic communication from the early modern period to the present: forums, networks, people, generations, forms of socialisation, political background
- National and transnational categories of knowledge and intellectual styles
- Pluralisation, (self-)instrumentalisation, enforced standardisation, transformation of academic institutions
- Concepts and key terms in academic communication: nation, class, ethnicity, identity, gender, religion
- Academic cultures in an age of globalisation and the digital world

The graduate programme is aimed at up-and-coming research students from Eastern Central Europe or other countries. German doctoral students with relevant research projects are also highly welcome.

Fellows have the possibility of applying for associated status at the GCSC for the duration of their fellowship. This enables them to take part in the research contexts provided by the GCSC.

The language of communication and of teaching is German.

The graduate scholarship amounts to 1.200 Euro monthly.

Application and required documents: Candidates should hold an M.A. or equivalent academic degree entitling the holder to study for a PhD at a European university in subjects relevant to research in the subject area.

All applications are to include an accompanying letter containing all contact details, a proposed project description (5 pages), a CV, copies of certificates, and a reference from the thesis supervisor.

Application is possible at any time, at the latest however until 1st September 2011 (applications submitted after this date will not be considered). Please send applications via email (wiebke.rohrer@herder-institut.de) or mail.

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