



## Postdoctoral Program

The *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)* offers up to four postdoctoral positions starting on **October 1, 2016**. It provides an attractive environment for postdoctoral researchers to pursue their own research projects within the scope of the Institute's research program in the fields of economic sociology, political economy, or contemporary history. Positions are awarded for one year; successful projects may be extended for a further year. Postdoctoral researchers have an office at the MPIfG. They are expected to reside in the Cologne area and actively participate in the intellectual life at the Institute.



The MPIfG conducts basic research on the governance of modern societies. It aims to develop an empirically based theory of the social and political foundations of modern economies by investigating the interrelation between economic, social, and political action. Building on a long tradition in sociology and political science, the Institute's research program aims to combine and develop the approaches of new economic sociology and comparative political economy.



### Projects at the Institute are clustered in four research areas:

- Sociology of Markets  
(Jens Beckert, Professor of Sociology and Director at the MPIfG)
- Political Economy of European Integration  
(research group led by Martin Höpner, Adjunct Professor of Political Science)
- Transnational Diffusion of Innovation  
(research group led by Mark Lutter, Doctor of Sociology)
- Economization of the Social and the History of Complexity  
(research group led by Ariane Leendertz, Doctor of Modern History)



Contracts are awarded on the basis of scholarly excellence, references, and a research proposal outlining a project to be pursued at the MPIfG. Postdoctoral researchers receive a one-year contract; payment and social benefits are based on the Public Service Wage Agreement (TVöD E 13).



Please submit your application for admission to the *MPIfG Postdoctoral Program* online: [www.mpifg.de](http://www.mpifg.de) > **Research** > **Postdoctoral Program**. You may apply as of November for a position starting in October of the following year. The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2016**. Applicants will be notified in April.

The Max Planck Society is committed to improving the opportunities for women in science and explicitly encourages them to apply. We support our employees in achieving work and family life balance. We are also committed to employing more individuals with disabilities and encourage them to apply.