

Postdoctoral Program

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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
- Political Economy of European Integration
- Transnational Diffusion of Innovation
- Economization of the Social and the History of Complexity

Awards are made on the basis of scholarly excellence and a research proposal outlining a project to be pursued at the *MPIfG*. Stipends are based on the fellowship guidelines of the *Max Planck Society*, usually 2,100 EUR per month for fellows from abroad. They are not subject to income tax or social security contributions.

Please submit your application for admission to the *MPIfG* Postdoctoral Program online: www.mpifg.de > Research > Postdoctoral Program. You may apply as of November for a fellowship starting in October of the following year. The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2015**. Awards will be made and applicants notified in April.

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