



Centre for

**Global
Cooperation
Research**

Call for Applications: Fellowships at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen

Research Units “Global Governance Revisited” and “Paradoxes and Perspectives of Democratisation”

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation offers Fellowships in Research Unit 3 “Global Governance revisited” and Research Unit 4 “Paradoxes and Perspectives of Democratisation”. The fellow will work at the Centre for a period of six to twelve months. The fellowships will start between September 2013 and April 2014. They entail office space in fully equipped offices and a competitive stipend commensurate with the applicant’s level of professional experience.

The Centre:

The Centre for Global Cooperation Research is an independent research institution of the University of Duisburg-Essen, sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. It cooperates closely with the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) in Duisburg, the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen, and the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn. The Centre is located at Duisburg’s Inner Harbor, which combines industrial heritage with modern office buildings and a vibrant urban culture. Close to the city center, the Duisburg Campus with the Social Science Department and INEF is within short reach. The participation of the KWI facilitates the coupling with the neighboring city of Essen, the lead city during the Ruhr area’s time as Europe’s Cultural Metropolis in 2010. Through the DIE, the Centre is also represented in the UN City of Bonn with its tight web of international institutions.

The Centre focuses on the cultural premises and dynamics of emergent governance structures in current world society and analyzes the possibilities for global cooperation. It offers a place for reflection and exchange for researchers from the social sciences, the natural sciences, and the humanities, as well as for selected practitioners from all regions of the world. The four research units of the Centre focus on (1) The (Im)Possibility of Cooperation, (2) Global Cultural Conflicts and Transcultural Cooperation, (3) Global Governance Revisited, and (4) Paradoxes and Perspectives of Democratization.

Research Unit 3 is led by Professor Tobias Debiel and Dr. Rainer Baumann. It sets out to further the knowledge on global governance in light of global and systemic risks, cultural differentiation and the rise of new powerful actors in world politics. In so

doing, it pays special attention to two caveats of existing research: the inclusion of non-Western perspectives on world order, and the implications of a diversification of political and professional cultures for international negotiations. Applications for this cluster should focus on one of the following topics:

- the role of new actors in international diplomacy and negotiations;
- emerging powers as norm entrepreneurs;
- South-South cooperation as pattern of global governance

Research Unit 4 is led by Professor Tobias Debiel and Dr. des. Frank Gadinger. It focuses on the mutual relationship between democracy and global cooperation under the conditions of current challenges of democratization in world politics. The unit attempts to identify the ambivalences and possibilities of global cooperation in a post-national democratic order. Applications for this cluster should focus on one of the following topics:

- notions of democracy beyond the Western model;
- the nexus between political culture, legitimacy and democratisation;
- democracization on the international level / notions of global democracy

Fellows' Profile:

Fellows conduct their research independently. Fellows are expected to work at the Centre and to take residence in the region. We will be happy to assist fellows in their search for an appropriate apartment. The Centre is especially interested in applications from the Global South. We would particularly encourage qualified women to apply.

Applications (in English language) should contain a cover letter, a CV, a list of publications, and a short presentation of the proposed research programme (3-5 pages). Please indicate for which period you would like to come and mention at which level (Postdoc, Fellow, Senior Fellow) you wish to apply. Applications should be emailed to Jan Schablitzki <jan.schablitzki@uni-due.de> with the subject heading "Fellowship Application: Reserch Unit 3" or "Fellowship Application: Research Unit 4".

The deadline for application is the 15th May 2013.

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