Up to Eight Doctoral Positions in Economic Sociology and Political Economy

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), conducted jointly by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the University of Cologne, with the University of Duisburg-Essen as an associated partner, invites excellent candidates to apply for its doctoral program.

The graduate school features a unique curriculum of core courses, research methods, electives, and summer school sessions. Doctoral researchers take part in the intellectual life of the Institute and the two universities and can spend time at partner institutions abroad. The working language at the IMPRS-SPCE is English. A command of German is useful but not required.

Candidates with a two-year master's degree or equivalent qualification in political science, sociology, organization studies, history, or related fields are welcome to apply. The degree must be in hand before starting the position, and candidates are expected to have a strong interest in pursuing an academic career.

The positions begin on October 1, 2018. They will be awarded for 15 months with a possible extension of 27 months. For the first six months, all IMPRS-SPCE researchers have their offices at the MPIfG, and afterwards they work at their advisor's institution. Due to different remuneration policies at the MPIfG and the universities, doctoral students' pay and benefits vary depending on their place of work. Students working at the MPIfG receive an employment contract (Fördervertrag). Students working at one of the universities receive a scholarship.

Doctoral degrees are awarded by the universities. Students at the IMPRS-SPCE may also acquire a French doctorate by entering the joint doctoral program with Sciences Po in Paris (cotutelle).

The Max Planck Society, the University of Cologne, and the University of Duisburg-Essen are committed to improving the opportunities for women in science and explicitly encourage women 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 such applicants to apply.

The deadline for applications is February 28, 2018. For program details and an online application form, please see http://imprs.mpifg.de.

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