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**DOCTORAL EDUCATION**

**IN PARTNERSHIPS**

Bremen International Graduate School  
of Social Sciences

**PARTNER DAYS**  
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## **BIGSSS-DEPARTS**

### **DOCTORAL EDUCATION IN PARTNERSHIPS**

BIGSSS-departs is an international PhD program in the social sciences, co-funded by a generous EU-grant in the frame of the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation.

BIGSSS-departs offers to its 19 early-stage researchers excellent doctoral studies in a program that combines close supervision of dissertation work with a demand-tailored 42-month structured curriculum. The doctoral program prepares PhD candidates for careers inside and outside of academia.

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences is embedded in a vibrant research landscape at the University of Bremen and Jacobs University. PhD fellows profit from the graduate school's ties to a number of outstanding social science research institutes, such as **socium** – Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy and **InIIS** – Research Centre for International Relations, European Politics, and Political Theory at the University of Bremen and **Focus Area Diversity** at Jacobs University.

The graduate school supports its PhD candidates in achieving early scientific independence. Fellows pursue a freely chosen dissertation project in one of BIGSSS' three thematic fields:

- A. Global Governance and Regional Integration
- B. Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

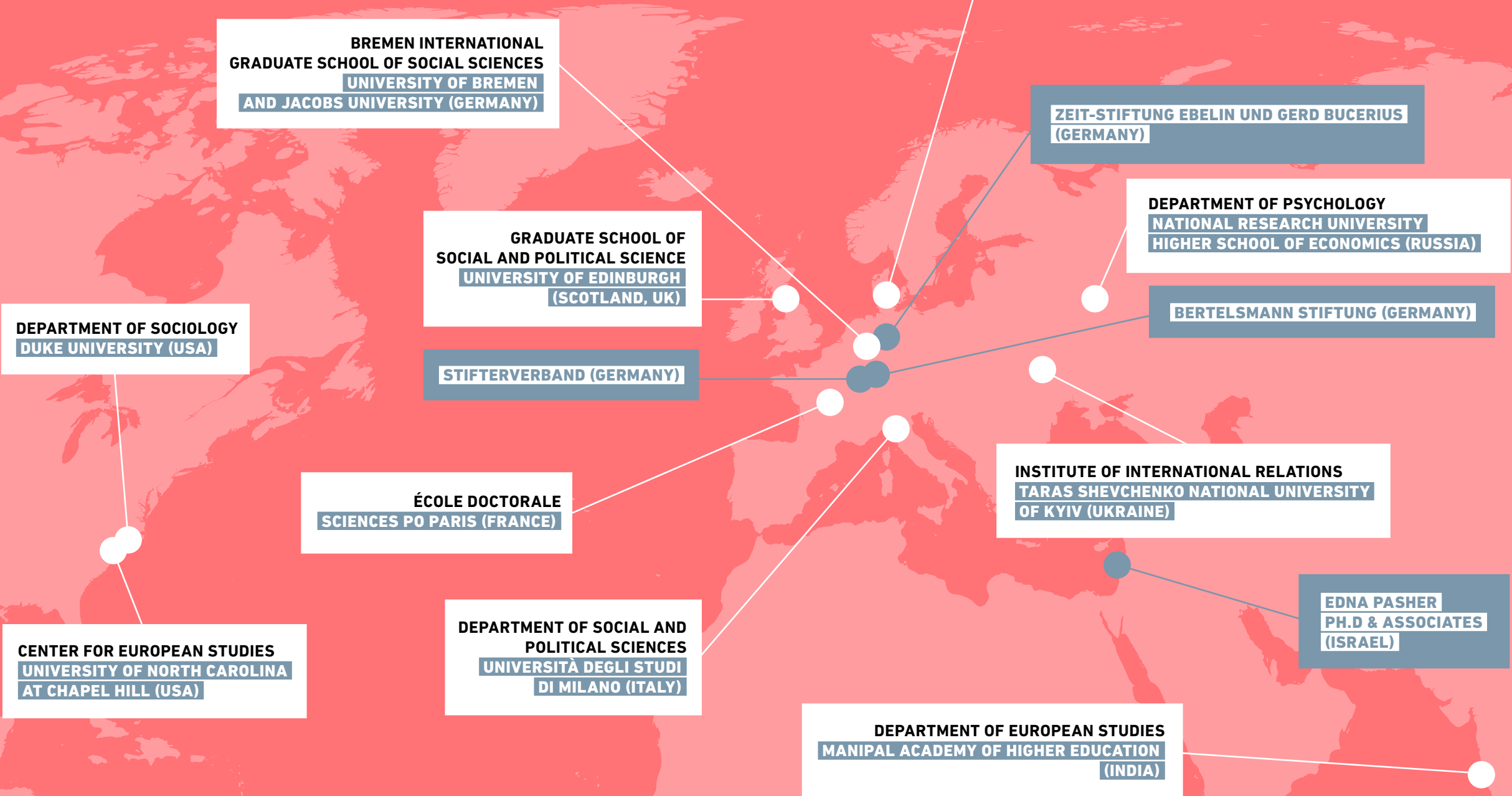
Researchers at BIGSSS benefit from the expertise in quantitative and qualitative empirical research methods offered by the **BIGSSS Methods Center**.

An asset of the BIGSSS-departs program is its focus on **international mobility**, the building of sustainable networks, and the cross-national partnership in the training of promising early-stage researchers. Therefore, fellows commit themselves to a three-to-six-month stay abroad at one of the networks' renowned academic or inter-sectoral partner institutions. In return, BIGSSS-departs gives doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from its partners the opportunity to conduct a visiting research stay at Bremen.

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**Duke's Sociology department** is ranked among the top 15 and rapidly approaching the top ten programs in the United States. Faculty specializes in comparative and historical sociology; population studies across time focusing on fertility, migration, morbidity and mortality; medical and economic sociology; social stratification; and the sociology of morality and religion. Quantitative and qualitative approaches are deployed to understand the structure and dynamics of human societies, particularly in a global context; the formal organization and social implications of health care policy, infectious and chronic illness patterns and social epidemiology; society as structured by race, education, occupations, markets and economic organizations; social networks, personality and group processes; and how religion shapes and is shaped by organizations, subcultures and demographic composition.

Duke's Sociology department offers a major and minor in sociology, and a PhD in sociology. The department consists of 22 faculty, 12 secondary faculty, 3 post-doctoral fellows, 7 staff, and 43 PhD fellows.

**Core research areas** | (1) Culture, Affect, and Cognition; (2) Health, Demography, and the Life Course; (3) Organizational & Economic Sociology; (4) Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality; (5) Religion & Social Change; (6) Social Networks & Computational Social Science. Faculty affiliation and more information at: <http://sociology.duke.edu/research>.

**Connections** | The Social Science Research Institute (SSRI), Duke University Population Research Institute (DUPRI), Information Initiative at Duke (iiD), Duke Network Analysis Center (DNAC), Markets and Management Studies Program, Duke Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in the department's seminars, classes, workshops as well as affiliate-institutes' seminars and workshops.

WORKING LANGUAGE | ENGLISH

BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | AUGUST TO MAY; IT IS BEST FOR STUDENTS TO VISIT DURING THE FALL AND/OR SPRING SEMESTERS OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR; DATES ARE POSTED HERE FOR THE CURRENT AND FUTURE YEARS: [HTTPS://REGISTRAR.DUKE.EDU/ACADEMICCALENDAR](https://registrar.duke.edu/academiccalendar).





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The **Graduate School of Social and Political Science** (GSSPS) is located in the School of Social and Political Science (SSPS), one of the largest schools in the **University of Edinburgh**, a world-leading University that ranked 19 in the world in the last QS rankings in 2016. SSPS is one of the largest and most successful schools of social science in the UK, with global reach and global and local impact. Our international community of staff and students undertake a wide variety of internationally renowned research, teaching and engagement activities. SSPS is organised into 6 subject areas (Politics and International Relations; Science, Technology and Innovation Studies; Social Anthropology; Social Policy; Social Work, Sociology) and some 17 distinct research centres or institutes. Our broad interdisciplinary focus cuts across traditional social scientific boundaries, creating a vibrant and stimulating environment in which to work and study.

SSPS has approximately 220 academic staff (full time equivalent), and over 1300 undergraduate students. Within SSPS, GSSPS is a community of around 300 Postgraduate Research Students, as well as approximately a further 500 students studying for taught Masters qualifications.

**Core research areas** | SSPS is organised around a number of subject areas and a plethora of cross-cutting research centres/clusters. GSSPS has 10 PhD programmes that intersect with the School's areas of core research and teaching. These are: (1) African Studies (2) Global Health Policy (3) International Development (4) Politics and International Relations (5) Science, Technology and Innovation Studies (6) Social Anthropology (7) Social Policy (8) Social Work (9) Sociology (10) South Asian Studies.

**Connections** | All of the University of Edinburgh 'Global Academies', which link up research and teaching from across the University in a number of areas (Health, Development, Justice, Environment, Agriculture and Food Security). SSPS is also home to the University's Academy of Government, and has close links with the Edinburgh Futures Institute which will open early next decade.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in all 10 GSSPS PhD programmes. Where fellows' projects align with current research activities they may participate in relevant project workflows. All fellows will join a research group/cluster suited to their discipline and/or project and research interests and participate in its activities.

WORKING LANGUAGE | ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | FLEXIBLE, UPON CONSULTATION





**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY | NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY  
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The **Higher School of Economics**, consistently ranked as one of Russia's top universities, is a leader in Russian education and one of the preeminent economics and social sciences universities in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Having rapidly grown into a well-renowned research university over two decades, HSE sets itself apart with its international presence and cooperation. Now a dynamic university with four campuses, HSE is a leader in combining Russian education traditions with the best international teaching and research practices. HSE offers outstanding educational programs from secondary school to doctoral studies, with top departments and research centres in a number of international fields.

The Higher School of Economics has 4 campuses, 14 faculties, 216 programs, 31900 students, 7000 instructors and researchers.

**Core research** | (1) International Research and Teaching Laboratory for Socio-Cultural Research: Cross-cultural and social psychology, economic psychology; projects focus on value transmission, social capital, poverty, acculturation, religion, multiculturalism etc. (2) International Laboratory of Positive Psychology of Personality and Motivation: The research projects of the laboratory address engagement, meaning, motivational regulation, concordance of goals, and other constructs using instruments developed by the laboratory members as well as validated Russian versions of established measures.

Apart from BSc in Psychology and a number of Master's programs in Russian, the School offers the following Master's programs in English: Cognitive sciences and technologies: from neuron to cognition, Double Degree MSc in Applied Social Psychology.

**Connections** | Connections at the Department of Psychology (Faculty of Social Sciences): Joint degree program with Tilburg University, faculty-level and university-level mobility agreements, Centre for Cognition & Decision Making, International Research and Teaching Laboratory for Socio-Cultural Research, International Laboratory of Positive Psychology of Personality and Motivation etc.

**Visiting PhD fellows** are invited to become a part of the Doctoral School of Psychology and to give lectures for Master's students. They can participate in the research projects of the international laboratories (e.g. socio-psychological consequences of changing cultural and socio-economic contexts on post-Soviet space).

WORKING LANGUAGES | RUSSIAN, ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER





**INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
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The **Institute of International Relations** of **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv** was founded in 1944 as a Faculty of International Relations and International Law responsible for preparing Soviet diplomats and students of foreign countries that had friendly relations with the former USSR. With the declaration of Ukraine's independence, by means of Presidential Decree of 30 May 1995, the Institute was designated a core educational organization for graduate training of professionals in the field of international relations and foreign policy of Ukraine. Today, the Institute is a leading Ukrainian higher education institution.

The Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv has 12 departments and offers training in six fields: international relations, international law, international economic relations, international business management, international communications and country studies. The Institute has over 2500 students, over 250 of these coming from more than 50 countries. The Institute has more than 200 members in its teaching staff.

**Core research areas** | (1) International relations (2) International law (3) International economic relations (4) International business management (5) International communications (6) Country studies. The Institute currently works on a research project on "Association as a new format of Ukraine-EU relations: political, legal, economic and information aspects".

**Connections** | Universities and research centers from Ukraine and other countries; the Institute cooperates with more than 60 partner institutions from Belgium, Great Britain, Greece, Egypt, Iran, Spain, Canada, the People's Republic of China, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Russia, the USA, France, Japan and others.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in the research project "Association as a new format of Ukraine-EU relations: political, legal, economic and information aspects", all issues related to euro-integration and Ukraine-EU relations.

WORKING LANGUAGES | UKRAINIAN, ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | SEPTEMBER TO JUNE





**DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN STUDIES**  
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**MANIPAL ACADEMY**  
**OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

(Deemed-to-be-University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

The **Manipal Academy of Higher Education** is located in Manipal, Karnataka on the west coast of India in an environment-friendly campus. The University is regularly ranked among the top 10 higher education institutions of the country. It has its off-campus in Mangalore and Bangalore and off-shore campuses in Dubai and Malaysia. It is one of the pioneering education providers in the country with a structured education system, nearly 2500 faculty members, state-of-the-art facilities and active international collaborations. The Manipal Academy of Higher Education constitutes of 28 institutions and independent departments, offering over 300 programs. Around 28000 students from across 57 countries are pursuing their studies in the university.

The Manipal Academy of Higher Education encompasses three faculties: (1) Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, (2) Faculty of Engineering and Management, and (3) Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Core research areas** | (1) Multiculturalism, (2) Multilingualism, and (3) Identity studies – India and Europe.

**Connections** | The School of Communication and Centre for Philosophy and Humanities on Manipal Campus and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of Manipal University Jaipur, which is also located in Manipal (in the state of Rajasthan).

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in research activities and courses of the following study programs: Multiculturalism, Multilingualism, European Studies, Communication Studies, English Literature.

WORKING LANGUAGE | ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | AUGUST TO DECEMBER





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The **Department of Social and Political Sciences (SPS)** at **Università degli Studi di Milano** has been ranked first among the large departments of social sciences in Italy in the 2004-2010 research assessment. SPS conducts and coordinates research and teaching programs in the fields of social and political theory, political science, public policy analysis, the politics of work and welfare, the study of communication, the study of culture and of social relations. The Department is composed of 21 full professors, 22 associate professors and 19 assistant professors, as well as 26 post-doctoral researchers and special grant holders and 117 PhD candidates.

**Core research areas** | (1) Welfare System and Comparative Public Policy, (2) European Union Politics and Public Policy, (3) Legislative Studies and Courts, (4) Electoral Competition and Social Media, (5) Comparative Politics, (6) Normative Political Theory, (7) Social Policy and Pension Policy, (8) Electoral Behavior, (9) Political Communication and Leadership, (10) Cultural Studies, (11) Immigration, (12) Poverty and social policy/Cultural consumption, (13) Network Analysis/Social Capital, (14) Education, Social Stratification and Social Inequality, (15) Media and Political Communication, (16) Labour market, labour policy and industrial relations, (17) Consumer culture/Gender, (18) Digital economy/Gender and Labour market, (19) Labour Policies.

**Connections** | SPS is the coordinator of a network of departments and research institutions joining the NASP (Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies), which work together in three PhD Programs that have their administrative headquarters in the Department: Dep. of Economics and Management – DEM (Università degli Studi di Brescia), Dep. of Political Sciences – DISPO (Università degli Studi di Genova), Dep. of Political and Social Sciences – DSPS (Università degli Studi di Pavia), Dep. of Law and Political, Economic and Social Sciences – DiG-SPES (Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale), Collegio Carlo Alberto (Università degli studi di Torino), Dep. of Cultures, Politics and Societies – CPS (Università degli Studi di Torino). SPS cooperates with the Centro Einaudi of Turin, and with its Public Policy and Philosophy Lab. It also works with the Dep. of International, Law and Historical-Political Studies of the Università degli Studi di Milano. SPS hosts the 7FP\_ERC program ReSCUE – Reconciling Economic and Social Europe: Values, Ideas and Politics and numerous other research projects funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Education and by private foundations.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in the three programs of the NASP Graduate School, based at the SPS: Political Studies (POLS), Economic Sociology and Labour Studies (ESLS), and Sociology and Methodology of Social Research (SOMET). SPS is also the administrative headquarter of the PhD Program in Studies on Organized Crime.

WORKING LANGUAGES | ITALIAN, ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | STARTING FROM JANUARY





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Sciences Po has a long tradition as an excellent institution of higher education and research in social sciences that offers undergraduate and graduate education in economics, law, history, sociology and political science. Sciences Po's mission is to share the results of its research with the international research community, students, and more broadly, society as a whole. The **Graduate School of Sciences Po** is a dynamic academic community that offers rigorous training through research in sociology, political science, history, economics and law. As young researchers, PhD students are integrated into the various research units and participate in their activities, including seminars and research projects.

Research at Sciences Po hosts ten research units bringing together over 200 researchers. The Doctoral School, with over 400 PhD students, is a central element of Sciences Po's research infrastructure.

**Core research areas** | Recognized internationally, the work of the Sciences Po research community covers a wide range of topics, including inequalities, education, democracies, urban development, globalization, governance, organizations and markets, public policies, etc.

**Connections** | Partnerships with other institutions of higher education provide many opportunities for PhD students: a doctoral grant programme with eight major North American universities, a doctoral exchange programme with other universities, and several joint-PhDs.

**Visiting PhD fellows** will have access to libraries, colloquia and all PhD related academic events at Sciences Po. Where the fellows' projects and our local expertise become synergetic, we will support them with individual guidance through our faculty.

WORKING LANGUAGES | FRENCH, ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | UPON CONSULTATION





**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
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The **Department of Political Science** at the **University of Southern Denmark**, SDU, has a long tradition in the field of graduate education in the social sciences. The department includes several research groups e.g. a centre for journalism and communication studies, a section on public administration and the Danish Centre for Welfare Studies (DaWS). DaWS has over the last decade established itself as an internationally recognized cross-disciplinary research group within the broad field of welfare studies. It has a strong track record with respect to international research training. DaWS is a cross-disciplinary research group (social sciences, history and literary studies) allowing for fellows to present their work in a truly cross-disciplinary and international setting. Furthermore, DaWS has a strong international network especially within the Nordic region making it a perfect platform for studying Nordic cases. DaWS is regularly involved in co-organizing research training through summer schools, workshops etc.

Faculty on department level includes 14 professors, 30 associate professors, 9 assistant professors, 6 postdoctoral researchers as well as 15 PhD-students. DaWS has a faculty of 4 professors, 4 associate professors, 2 assistant professors, 1 Marie Curie postdoctoral researcher, and 6 PhD-students. Administrative staff includes 10 full time positions.

**Core research areas** | Comparative welfare state research; research on topics such as welfare reforms, welfare state history, immigration, labour market, social policy in the global south, aging, social investment. Furthermore, the department has research groups on public administration, IR and war studies and journalism/political communication. DaWS is a cross-disciplinary research center including scholars from the Department of History (which has its own doctoral program) and the comparative literature section at the Department of Literature and Culture.

**Connections** | The department has its own doctoral program but is also part of the PhD-school of social science at the Faculty of Social Sciences. DaWS has a long-established cooperation with leading Nordic Universities in the field of welfare studies (exchange, joint projects and joint research training).

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in PhD-programs on department and faculty level (various courses and workshops), DaWS weekly lunch seminars + guest lectures + young researcher seminar (annually in spring).

WORKING LANGUAGES | ENGLISH, DANISH, GERMAN  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | FLEXIBLE





**CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**  
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The **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** is a public, four-year institution offering 78 bachelor's, 112 master's, 68 doctorate and seven professional degree programs through 14 schools and the College of Arts and Sciences. The **Center for European Studies** (CES) is a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and US Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center on UNC-CH's campus. CES administers the Contemporary European Studies major and TransAtlantic Masters Program, and supports Europe-focused events, research, and programming for students, faculty, K-14 educators and community members across the state of North Carolina.

At UNC-CH, more than 29,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students learn from a faculty of 3,600. CES has four full-time staff and three part-time staff members, over 200 affiliated faculty, 37 current TransAtlantic Masters Students, and 40 current European Studies majors. CES administers a listserv with over 2,600 students, faculty, staff, K-14 educators and community members.

**Core research areas** | CES aims to advance understanding of the social, political and economic events shaping contemporary Europe, with programs ranging from public lectures on issues including the refugee crisis and Brexit, to K-14 professional development on topics such as education and diversity in contemporary Europe, to UNC-CH courses focusing on European Union institutions and governance mechanisms.

**Connections** | The six other UNC-CH area studies centers, UNC-CH study abroad and international students offices, and curricula and departments across campus involved in Europe-related research and teaching. CES staff also collaborate with staff and departments at Duke University and North Carolina State University, and with K-14 educators and administrators at North Carolina's minority-serving institutions, community colleges, and public schools.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in the monthly evening meetings of the comparative politics faculty and graduate students in which faculty or graduate students present their work and the participants offer suggestions for revision. The comparative politics faculty has ongoing research projects on the positioning of political parties, the welfare state and inequality, multi-level governance, and governance of post-communist countries.

WORKING LANGUAGE | ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | JANUARY TO MAY





**BREMEN INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL  
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**BIGSSS** is an inter-university graduate school in the social sciences, located at the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen gGmbH, Germany. The graduate school hosts more than 110 international PhD fellows and more than 60 faculty members. BIGSSS' doctoral programs prepare PhD students for leading professional positions inside and outside of academia. BIGSSS is founded upon the core disciplines of political science, sociology and psychology. A key asset of BIGSSS' academic program is its interdisciplinarity, also integrating bordering social science disciplines and a broad spectrum from quantitative to qualitative methods.

**Core research areas** | Research at BIGSSS focuses on changing patterns of social and political integration in contemporary societies. The academic program is structured along the three thematic fields of (A) Global Governance and Regional Integration (BIGSSS @ University of Bremen), (B) Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life (BIGSSS @ University of Bremen), and (C) Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts (BIGSSS @ Jacobs University). Expertise in quantitative and qualitative empirical research methods is offered by the BIGSSS Methods Center (BIGSSS @ both universities).

**Connections** | The graduate school has strong ties to a number of outstanding social science research institutes in Bremen, such as socium – Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy and InIS – Research Centre for International Relations, European Politics, and Political Theory at the University of Bremen and Focus Area Diversity at Jacobs University.

**Visiting PhD fellows** are encouraged to get engaged with the researchers of BIGSSS and the affiliated research institutes as well as to participate in all courses and events offered in BIGSSS' three thematic fields.

**WORKING LANGUAGES** | ENGLISH, GERMAN

**BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS** | BIGSSS @ UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN: OCTOBER TO JANUARY AND MARCH TO JUNE; BIGSSS @ JACOBS UNIVERSITY: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY TO MAY





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| BertelsmannStiftung

The **Bertelsmann Stiftung** is a private operating foundation. It was founded in 1977 based on the conviction of its founder, Reinhard Mohn, that Germany was not doing enough to consider the growing competition between the globe's various social and economic systems. The foundation therefore concentrates on developing solutions capable of addressing challenges in a range of societal sectors and, at the same time, ensuring the continuity of Germany's political, economic and social structures. In doing so, the Bertelsmann Stiftung considers what has proven successful in other countries and strives to balance research findings with experience in the field. The Bertelsmann Stiftung has 350 employees.

**Core work areas** | The Bertelsmann Stiftung's programs are designed to strengthen society and help individuals reach their full potential by developing the resources needed to achieve those goals. Its objective is to promote research and understanding in the areas of religion, public health, youth and senior affairs, culture and the arts, public education and career training, social welfare, international cultural exchange, democracy and government, and civic engagement. The program "Living Values" is especially engaged in the question what the necessary conditions are for ensuring social cohesion in a more and more complex and heterogeneous society. The Bertelsmann Stiftung is examining how a number of countries are faring in terms of their social cohesion and looking at the role religion and other institutions are playing in the development of key values. In particular, we are interested in learning more about how young people develop their values and how role models affect them as they do so.

**Connections** | The partners of the Bertelsmann Stiftung are decision makers in the political, economic and social spheres, as well as public institutions, research organizations and other foundations. In particular, the Bertelsmann Stiftung focuses on exchanging ideas and experience across cultural and national borders.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can assist with project management in general, preparation and publication of studies in one of the foundation's 60 projects, preparation and organisation of different events or workshops and in project communication (website, social media, press).

WORKING LANGUAGES | GERMAN, ENGLISH  
BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | UPON CONSULTATION





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**Edna Pasher Ph.d & Associates** is a 40 years old, international multidisciplinary Consultancy, Research, Training, and Business development group. Together with our exclusive international partners Æ InfoConsult GmbH, we have been actively involved in the R&D activities of the European Union since the first framework programme (1984-1987). Edna Pasher earned her Ph.D. at New York University in Communication Arts and Sciences. She founded EPA-international strategic management consulting firm, acts as co-founder and chairperson of the Israeli Institute for Smart Cities (ISCI) and is a pioneer of the innovation and knowledge management movement in Israel. Edna Pasher Ph.d & Associates has 16 employees.

**Core work areas** | (1) Smart Cities, (2) Management Consulting, and (3) ICT.

**Connections** | During our 36 years of professional activities, we have built a wide network of both local and international, business and research connections, comprised of a wide range of organizations – Æ Private, SMEs, NGOs, public and governmental – and working on projects in various sectors: Healthcare, ICT, Education, Municipalities, Industries, Energy, Sustainability, Transportation, Food etc.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can participate in management consulting (High-tech, healthcare, retail) and research (action research in healthcare, Smart Cities, ICT).

WORKING LANGUAGES | HEBREW, ENGLISH

BEST TIME FOR VISITING RESEARCH STAYS | JANUARY TO MARCH





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STIFTERVERBAND

**Stifterverband** is a joint German initiative founded by companies and foundations in 1920. Some 3,000 members – DAX companies, mid-size companies, company associations, donors and active private individuals – have joined forces in Stifterverband.

Stifterverband focuses its efforts primarily on the fields of education, science and innovation. To date, it is the only organisation in Germany to engage in holistic work in all three areas, with projects that build on one another with synergistic effect. Stifterverband actively promotes equal opportunities in education, excellent universities and internationally competitive research institutions. Its instruments range from extracurricular talent promotion and higher education structural programmes to detailed analyses of the scientific and innovation system.

Stifterverband is a registered non-profit organisation and has various subsidiaries. Our partnership with BIGSSS is constrained to the department Programm & Förderung (Programmes & Funding). 41 people are employed at that department (28 in Berlin, 13 in Essen).

**Core work areas** | Our core work areas may change over time. Currently, we focus on: (1) competitiveness and governance of higher education institutions (2) quality of academic teaching (3) securing qualified staff for the labour market (4) digitization and its impact on teaching and research in higher education institution (5) third mission-activities, dialogue between higher education institutions and society.

**Visiting PhD fellows** can, in principle, participate in all three core themes: education, science and innovation. Participation options depend on fellows' interests and timeframe and will be arranged individually in consultation.

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**Core work areas** | The scholarship program "Trajectories of Change" contributes to humanities and social sciences and focuses on transformation processes in the European region. The "Free Media Awards" support independent media and courageous journalists in Eastern Europe. At the Bucerius Summer School on Global Governance, the ZEIT-Stiftung brings together young leaders from a variety of fields to address key issues in global governance.

**Visiting PhD fellows** will have access to research-relevant working environments. They will be mentored by at least one professional and will get continuous feedback on their role at the ZEIT-Stiftung. Strong and sustainable contacts and a lasting supervision through our senior professionals is clearly one of the intended outcomes of the BIGSSS-departs cooperation.

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