Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (Department for Socio-Cultural Diversity) wishes to appoint highly qualified candidates for up to four new research positions at the doctoral and postdoctoral level. For all the positions, applicants should have a degree in anthropology, sociology, political science, geography, or another relevant social science. Successful applicants’ research interests, experience and publications should be relevant to themes and topics within the Department for Socio-Cultural Diversity (see www.mmg.mpg.de).

For two post-doctoral positions, we are particularly looking for:

(a) innovative project proposals relating to data analysis, visualization and mapping of super-diversity and heterogeneous structures of migration, as well as proposals building on our analyses of the incorporation of diversity into social life within changing political environments (see http://www.mmg.mpg.de/research/all-projects/diversity-and-contact-divcon/). Quantitative and, if possible, data visualization skills are required. Resources for the collection of original data are available.

(b) applications proposing ethnographic projects on contexts of social and political fragmentation in Germany or Britain.

Initial contracts will be for a period of two years and are renewable for up to two years. Salary is based on the German collective bargaining agreement for civil servants (TVöD), level E 13. Applicants need to submit their PhD-thesis by 1 May 2018.

Applications for two positions as doctoral fellows can be in any field relevant to the Department’s interests. At least one doctoral position will be for a candidate working on issues concerning urban diversities in African contexts. Doctoral projects can relate to social scientific work on topics regarding:

- Organizations and institutions responding to socio-cultural heterogeneity;
- Ethnographies of urban super-diversity;
- Migration and diversification;
- Social interactions, political life and the social organization of difference.

Initial contracts will be for a period of three years and are renewable for one year. Doctoral salaries are 50% of TVöD, level E 13.

NOTE: The Max Planck Institute does not itself have a doctoral programme, nor does it award PhDs; scholarship holders are given a salary and research support costs, but not university fees. PhD students must be independently enrolled in universities and PhD programmes anywhere in the world. Applicants for a doctoral position should indicate the PhD programme in which they are enrolled or wish to enroll. Advanced applicants should indicate what degree requirements remain to be fulfilled. The Institute welcomes applications from researchers with either/both quantitative and qualitative research skills and experience.

For all positions, very good spoken and written English is required. [The working language of the Institute is English, and publications in English-language academic journals and books are prioritized.] For doctoral and post-doctoral positions, residence in Göttingen is required.
Applications must be submitted electronically through the following portals:

For doctoral fellows
https://s-lotus.gwdg.de/mpg/mpgs/mmg_scd_doctoral_2018.nsf/application

For post-doctoral fellows
https://s-lotus.gwdg.de/mpg/mpgs/mmg_scd_postdoc_2018.nsf/application

Applications should include: a cover letter noting the position applied for and describing the applicant’s career trajectory and interests, CV, a short outline of the proposed research project and the names and contact details of three potential referees. **Deadline for all applications is 2 March 2018.** All positions should begin between 1 June 2018 and 1 October 2018.

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The Max Planck Society wishes to increase the participation of women wherever they are under-represented; therefore, applications from women are particularly welcome. Following its commitment to an equal opportunities employment policy, the Max Planck Society also especially encourages persons with a disability to submit their applications.

For further details about the institute and its research consult the website ([www.mmg.mpg.de](http://www.mmg.mpg.de)).