

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen, liebe Sektionsmitglieder,

im Anhang findet sich - verbunden mit einer herzlichen Einladung - der Infolyer mit Zugangslink zu unserer kommenden Brown Bag-Veranstaltung am 22. November, 12:00-13:00 Uhr, zum Thema „**Meet the editors**“: **Wie funktionieren soziologische Fachzeitschriften?** (online) mit drei Ko-Editor/innen von deutschen und internationalen Zeitschriften, die zur Diskussion und Beantwortung von Fragen bereit stehen. Die Einladung kann gern an interessierte Personen weitergeleitet werden.

### Stellenausschreibungen

- an der Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften der Universität Hamburg ist eine wissenschaftliche Arbeitsstelle (75%, befristet) im Projekt "**EU Green Deal**" ausgeschrieben, Deadline: 16.10.2024, [hier](#) geht's zur Ausschreibung

- am Institut für Sozialwissenschaften der Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg ist am Lehrstuhl für europäische Gesellschaften im Rahmen der interdisziplinären Graduiertenschule "**Navigating the Chaos of Innovation and Transformation**"(NACHOS) eine Promotionsstelle (100%, befristet) ausgeschrieben, Deadline: 20. Oktober, [hier](#) geht's zur Ausschreibung

- zwei Promotionsstipendien (48 Monate) sind in dem Graduate School Scholarship Program (GSSP) "**Contentious Politics in the Digital Age**" (CoPoDi) ausgeschrieben, Deadline: 25. November (anbei)

### Calls

- Call for Abstracts for the **9th European User Conference on Microdata from Eurostat - SILC, LFS, AES, SES, CIS, CSIS, EHIS, HBS and TUS** in Mannheim, 6–7 March, 2025, geöffnet bis zum 13. Oktober (anbei)

- Call for Papers for the joint conference of the German Sociological Association Sections *Social Policy* and *Social Inequality and Social Stratification* "**Social Policy and Inequality in the polycrisis**", 24-26 March 2025, University of Bamberg, Frist endet am 15. November (anbei)

- Call for Papers für die RSA-Konferenz "**Navigating Regional Transformation**", 6. - 9. Mai 2025 an der School of Economics and Management, University of Porto, Portugal, Deadlines: 28. November (sessions) bzw. 19. Dezember (abstracts), vollständiger Call [hier](#); zudem vergibt die RSA Reisestipendien an Early Career Researchers (Call [hier](#))

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

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**Online-Brown-Bag-  
Seminar der  
DGS-Sektionen  
Europasozio­logie  
und  
Methoden der  
qualitativen  
Sozialforschung**  
**SEKTION METHODEN  
DER QUALITATIVEN  
SOZIALFORSCHUNG**

**22.11.24 | 12:00-13:00 Uhr**

**„Meet the editors“: Wie funktionieren  
soziologische Fachzeitschriften?**

- Darstellung des Peer-Review-Verfahrens von drei Soziologiezeitschriften
- Strategien zur Identifizierung geeigneter Zeitschriften und Hinweise zu Dos & Don'ts bei der Manuskripteinreichung
- Raum für Fragen und Austausch im Zusammenhang mit Begutachtungsverfahren von Zeitschriften

Mit:

- Dr. Vincent Gengnagel (Flensburg), Managing Editor von *Culture, Practice & Europeanization*
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- Prof. Dr. Céline Teney (Berlin), Associate Editor der *European Sociological Review*

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# Call for Applications

## Two Doctoral Scholarships

in the DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme

“Contentious Politics in the Digital Age” (CoPoDi)

at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications for two scholarships for international doctoral researchers in its Graduate School Scholarship Programme “Contentious Politics in the Digital Age” (CoPoDi), funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). BIGSSS is an international inter-university graduate school in the social sciences, located at the University of Bremen and Constructor University Bremen, Germany.

## Scholarship and benefits

Successful applicants will receive from the DAAD:

- a PhD scholarship of 1.300 €/month for up to 48 months.
- a travel allowance;
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover;
- a research allowance of currently € 460 per year (for scholarship holders from countries listed in the DAC List of ODA recipients), or € 260 per year (for scholarship holders from other countries).

Depending on their personal situation, grant holders may receive some of the additional benefits listed below. This is decided by the DAAD:

- monthly rent subsidy (calculated individually, usually about € 50 to 125 per month);
- monthly allowance for accompanying family members (about € 200 child allowance per child and about € 275 marriage allowance);
- in the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers;
- a preparatory German language course (if available, applicable and feasible, taking into account the starting date of the scholarship).

All benefits and allowances are administered by the DAAD and are negotiated by the scholarship holders themselves.

## Programme focus

The programme’s primary aim is to investigate how digital technology and media influence political activism, social movements, and socio-political conflicts. A secondary objective focuses on assessing the value of new digital data sources and computational methods for analyzing the dynamics of political protest and activism. Additionally, the programme places particular emphasis on the Global South, where the potential of digital data is especially significant due to media restrictions and risks faced by informants, although this is not its sole geographical focus. Importantly, these three objectives are distinct, and PhD dissertations may focus exclusively on any one of these areas.

## Potential dissertation projects may address one/more of the following topics:

**1. Social Media and Protest Dynamics:** PhD research in this area focuses on the influence of social media in shaping protest movements. Key topics may include:

- Exploring how social media platforms aid in mobilizing, organizing, and spreading protest movements.
- Analyzing communication patterns, sentiment, framing, and the spread of protest-related content on social media.
- Investigating government responses to online protests in non-democratic or authoritarian regimes, and the outcomes of such actions.
- Examining if social media usage in political activism enhances the representation of marginalized groups.

**2. Text-Based Analysis of Political Discourse:** This area involves scrutinizing political discourse and its significance in contentious politics using text-as-data approaches, utilizing both digital and traditional media. Research could explore:

- Tracing the framing and evolution of contentious issues in protests using digital media.
- Identifying linguistic features and sentiments in the online communication of various political actors in protest movements.

**3. Audiovisual Communication in Activism:** Research here delves into the impact of audiovisual content in political activism, particularly its role in mobilization and engagement. Potential topics are:

- Assessing how activists employ audiovisual content on new social media platforms for political messaging and support mobilization.
- Investigating the use of both online and offline media by activists, their interaction across different channels, and the resultant effects on political activities.
- Exploring the integration of traditional methods and digital tracking to study media usage beyond text.

**4. Agent-Based Modeling of Protest Dynamics:** Proposed PhD projects in this field aim to create and test agent-based models for simulating and predicting protest dynamics. Research themes could include:

- Identifying key factors and mechanisms influencing the success or failure of protests and applying these models to real-world scenarios.
- Utilizing agent-based simulations to understand the effects of government or policy interventions on protests, particularly in authoritarian settings with political risks for researchers and subjects.

The English-language doctoral programme includes a structured curriculum and close guidance by experienced researchers while at the same time fostering early academic independence and creativity by providing support for conducting, presenting, and publishing the PhD fellows' self-chosen research projects. The programme is characterized by interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers from sociology, political science, and communication and media studies. While the research questions addressed in dissertation projects are envisioned to broadly correspond to supervisors' research interests, the successful applicants shall formulate specific research topics.

## Requirements

- We invite applications from exceptional international candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in sociology, political science, communication and media studies. Potential candidates with a degree in related disciplines are also welcome.
- Applicants have to demonstrate a broad thematic fit between the dissertation proposal and the corresponding supervisor's outlined research interests.
- Previous exposure to and expertise in computational methods in social research is a plus, but not a requirement.
- All accepted researchers will be asked to move to Bremen for the duration of the programme, as presence at the institution is required.

## Eligibility

- You are eligible if you are an international applicant proficient in English language (speaking & writing, proof of C1-level English language skills or equivalent).
- You must not have resided in Germany any time after January 1, 2024.
- As a rule, applicants should not have graduated any longer than six years before the time of nomination.
- You must not have completed a PhD previously.

## Application and further information

Applications must be submitted via email ([application@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:application@bigsss-bremen.de)) **until November 25, 2024 (11:59pm CET)**. The interviews will take place online.

Please note: By submitting your application, you consent to have your dissertation proposal checked for plagiarism and inappropriate use of generative AI.

General information on the programme and the PIs, a list of required application materials, and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.bigsss-bremen.de/academic-program/daad-graduate-school-scholarship-program>

For additional inquiries, please check the programme's website and feel free to contact our Admissions Officer, Noha Mahmoud, at [admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de).

You can find additional information for DAAD scholarship applicants [here](#) and about the DAAD GSSP programme line [here](#).

The official start of the programme is scheduled for September 1, 2025.

We particularly encourage applications from the Global South. As equal opportunity employers, both universities follow an equal opportunity and diversity strategy. They strive to increase the number of women in academia and strongly encourage applications from suitably qualified female candidates. Disabled persons with the same professional and personal qualifications will be given preference.

# Call for Abstracts

## 9<sup>th</sup> European User Conference

Microdata from Eurostat - SILC, LFS, AES, SES, CIS, CSIS, EHIS, HBS and TUS

Mannheim, 6–7 March, 2025

Organized by  
German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat

European microdata released by Eurostat are an important basis for comparative social research. More and more researchers use these data for a wide range of economic and social analyses. For many years, researchers have presented results of their work at this biennial conference organised by GESIS.

This call invites you to submit an abstract to the 9<sup>th</sup> User Conference. Topics to be addressed include poverty and social exclusion, income inequality, low wage earners, gender earnings gap, migration and labour mobility, household and family, the effect of COVID-19 on employment and unemployment, quality of work, innovativeness of enterprises, adult education, skills and qualification, job related health problems and social aspects of health. Presentations focusing on methodological topics are also highly welcome. These may include e. g. questions of data quality, applications of AI and machine learning, cross-national and inter-temporal comparability as well as the comparability of different EU surveys and experiences with the Integrated European Social Statistics (IESS).

The 9th European User Conference is organised by the German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat. The conference will provide researchers with the opportunity to present and discuss their latest work and share their experience. In addition to fostering the discussion within the research community on both substantive and methodological issues, the conference offers researchers the opportunity to get into contact with colleagues from Eurostat.

Researchers of all disciplines (e. g. economics, sociology, demography, geography, political science and public health) who use European microdata are encouraged to submit an abstract. All social research to be presented must be comparative and be based on data from at least two countries.

### SUBMISSIONS:

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is **October 13, 2024**. Proposals should be submitted online via the [presentation submission form](#) at the [conference webpage](#).

Abstracts should be 500 to 1000 words long. The abstract should be informative and clearly state the research question, the hypotheses, the methods and the dataset(s) used, the countries analysed and a description of preliminary findings. Please do not include tables or figures in your abstract. The submitters will be notified by **December 13, 2024**, whether their abstract was accepted for presentation or not.

An attendance fee of €120 will be charged.

For any further questions, please contact the local organizers Heike Wirth and Klaus Pforr via [eu-microdata\(at\)gesis\(dot\)org](mailto:eu-microdata(at)gesis(dot)org). and visit the conference webpage at <https://www.gesis.org/en/research/conferences/gesis-conferences/european-user-conference-9>



## Social Policy and Inequality in the Polycrisis

Developed welfare states are currently affected by multiple crises that are not only related to social inequalities but are also likely to shape the social structure of modern societies in the long run. These include developments such as international conflicts and wars, the climate crisis, pandemics, demographic ageing, the heterogeneous perception of (refugee) migration and how to deal with it, and the increasing popularity of extremist parties. Although modern welfare states have the means to respond to crisis-induced inequalities in the short term and provide to compensatory mechanisms (e.g., short-time work benefits during the Covid-19 pandemic), the current confluence of crises poses greater challenges for social policy and may at the same time call into question the basis of its political legitimacy. While some argue that these challenges can only be met with welfare state compensation that addresses citizens’ urgent problems and reduces inequalities, others claim that overly generous spending and social benefits that seem to be used by only a few pose a threat to the welfare state and its support among citizens. Still others argue that in times of multiple crisis social policy should re-focus on the welfare and living conditions of future generations, investing more in education or measures to mitigate global warming to avoid future increases in social inequality.

At the joint conference we want to reflect these current developments from an inequality and a social policy perspective, asking (1) which consequences current crises as well as their policy responses have for social inequality and individuals’ socio-economic well-being, behaviour, and attitudes, and (2) how today’s social inequalities as well as their individual-level perceptions and consequences are reflected in policy and politics. Do crises and reforms alter citizens’ attitudes towards inequality and related policies, and if yes, why is this so? Are current reforms a consequence of crises, or do these rather serve as rationale for reforms with other purposes?

Submissions may cover a broad scope of topics such as income and wealth, family, housing, attitudes, political discourse, social policy design, and apply both quantitative and qualitative methods. Comparative and theoretical perspectives are welcome as well. **Please submit an abstract in German or English language not longer than 500 words until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** to [conference.sfa@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:conference.sfa@uni-bamberg.de). Notification of the selection will be made by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Presentations may be in English or German. The conference fee is 30 Euro.

Invited **Keynote** Speaker is **Prof. Jacqueline O'Reilly**, Director of Digit Research Centre, University of Sussex

Both sections would like to draw attention of young researchers to the possibility to apply for travel allowances for accepted abstracts, should no other funding be possible. The Section “Social Inequality and Social Stratification” awards an allowance of up to 400 euros for travel and accommodation (see [homepage of the Section](#)). The Section “Social Policy” likewise invites PhD researchers who are members of the Section to apply for travel subsidy (contact see [homepage of the Section](#)).

### The organisers:

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