

Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) – University of Bamberg

13. Nov. 2025 – 14. Nov. 2025

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Seventh Joint Doctoral Conference** invites young and senior researchers in sociology and social research to come together and engage in meaningful academic exchange.

This annual conference provides PhD students with a platform to present their research, receive constructive feedback from senior scholars, and engage in stimulating discussions with peers. The event aims to foster collaboration and enhance the quality of ongoing doctoral research in a supportive and dynamic environment.

Initially established as a collaborative effort by the Universities of Bamberg, Milan, Pompeu Fabra, Tilburg, and Trento, the Joint Doctoral Conference has grown into a vibrant academic event. The 2025 edition will be hosted by the University of Bamberg and organized by the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS). The conference warmly welcomes contributions from PhD students both within and beyond this network.

This year's two-day event will take place in the historic city of **Bamberg, Germany, 13.11.2025 – 14.11.2025**. We invite doctoral candidates in sociology and related fields to submit papers employing theoretically driven empirical social research. Join us in Bamberg to share your work, expand your academic network, and contribute to a thriving community of early-career and established researchers.

The conference is open to PhD students at any stage of their work. If you are interested in presenting your research, please submit via email by May 16th, 2025 (23:59 GMT+1 time zone) an extended abstract (2-3 pages A4 format, references excluded, pdf format) to phdconference.bagss@uni-bamberg.de. The subject of the email must be "Joint Doctoral Conference 2025 - SUBMISSION" and the submissions must follow the template provided [here](#).

Extended abstracts may refer to a chapter of your dissertation or any other empirical work. The conference will feature thematic sessions and poster sessions, organized based on the submissions received.

Poster sessions are designed to provide PhD students in the earlier stages of their



research with an opportunity to present their work in an engaging and constructive format. Thematic sessions will group papers on related topics, bringing together diverse methodological perspectives. Each thematic session will include a senior researcher and a PhD participant as discussants to foster detailed and collaborative feedback.

We strongly encourage you to act as a discussant for one paper. Please indicate your availability for this role in your submission (see template).

For any questions, feel free to contact us at: phdconference.bagss@uni-bamberg.de

We look forward to your submissions and your participation in this exciting event!

Key Dates

Submission deadline: 16th May 2025

Notification of acceptance: 18th July 2025

Registration deadline: 1st September 2025

Provisional program available: 30th September 2025

Full paper and poster submission deadline*: 27th October 2025

Conference dates: 13th -14th November 2025

* Full papers are required only for those selected for the thematic sessions.

Practical Information

Location: Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), University of Bamberg.

Fee: 50 euros (covering coffee breaks, lunches)

Travel and accommodations: Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation.

Website: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/bagss/seventh-joint-doctoral-conference-2025/>

Accessibility

We are committed to making this conference accessible to all participants. If you have specific accessibility requirements, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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