

MAX WEBER CENTRE FOR ADVANCED CULTURAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES

STUDY PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

1 COLLOQUIA

- One own colloquium per semester for junior researchers, one every two terms for fellows
- Text of up to 20 pages (work in progress), to be delivered one week before the colloquium date, template for the cover sheet on the [Sharepoint](#)
- Full members participate in 15 colloquia per term, associated members in 5 with following options for reduction:
 - Reduction possible on individual agreement for family responsibilities
 - Reduction of 3 colloquia for elected representatives of doctoral researchers
 - Reduction of 3 colloquia for full participation in the "Methodenwerkstatt" ("Qualitative Methods Workshops")
 - Reduction of 2 colloquia for full participation in "Ethnographic Methods Workshops"
 - Reduction possible on individual agreement for regular participation in external doctoral colloquia
 - Reduction possible on individual agreement for participation in special events of research groups at Max-Weber-Kolleg
- For full time doctoral researchers, the study programme takes three years (5 terms with colloquia and one writing term)
- One of the five colloquia can be a lecture
- Recommendations:
 - try to present every core chapter of the dissertation in one colloquium
 - one colloquia text for persons writing in German should be presented in English and in German for persons writing in English
 - Doctoral researchers should ask a colleague to take minutes of their colloquium
- After each colloquium an evaluation meeting with the supervisor should take place. Another meeting with the supervisor should be scheduled between two colloquia dates.

2 SEMINARS | METHODS WORKSHOPS | STUDY GROUPS

Seminars discuss theories or topics that are interesting for a greater group (for example social theory seminar, seminar on resonance, seminar on rituals).

Members with empirical research projects may visit the Qualitative Method Workshop (Methodenwerkstatt), where qualitative social science methods are discussed based on the empirical material of the participants ([Andreas Pettenkofer](#)). Members working with ethnographic methods may attend the Ethnographic Methods Workshops ([Antje Linkenbach-Fuchs](#)).

Study groups are self-organized reading groups for specific topics. Depending on thematic needs, such study groups can be arranged for a smaller group of members to devote themselves to intensive reading and discussion of a special topic.

Additionally, a methodological seminars of the [Willy Brandt School](#) on Advanced Methods are open for members of the Max-Weber-Kolleg.

Participation in four seminars/methods workshops/study groups during the three-year doctoral period is mandatory for doctoral researchers. The topics dealt with in the seminars are generally particularly suitable for developing theses for the doctoral examination (see the [information sheet](#) for doctoral examinations).

3 WORKSHOPS | CONFERENCES

Small workshops as well as international conferences on topics from the research program of the Max-Weber-Kolleg take place regularly. Junior researchers are encouraged to participate in these conferences and to make their own contributions.

In addition, they have the opportunity to conduct self-organized workshops for junior researchers. The organization of such events is supported financially and organizationally by the Max-Weber-Kolleg (see the information sheet on conference organization on the [Sharepoint](#)).

4 PUBLIC EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Every semester, some public events (like lectures, concerts, panel discussions, exhibitions, book presentations) take place, which serve to bring science and society into contact and popularize the results of research.

The annual celebration (in January) with the report of the director and the summer celebration with the award of doctoral cups to the successful doctoral researcher as well as the plenary sessions at the beginning of the semester are gatherings where all the members of the Max-Weber-Kolleg meet each other.

5 QUALIFICATION COURSES

Offers for the training of general skills for (junior) researchers are available through [competence oriented personal development for academics](#), which, in addition to key competences in research and teaching, also provides the basics of university didactics and offers coaching for junior researchers.

The [computer centre](#) and [library](#) of the University of Erfurt regularly offer training for various programmes (e.g. literature management programmes). These are not credited towards the colloquia, but can be considered as qualification courses.

For junior researchers who wish to acquire specific language skills, language courses can be credited and financed. Junior researchers and Fellows with poor German language skills are encouraged to attend language courses at the [language centre](#).

Furthermore, the members of the Max-Weber-Kolleg have the opportunity to teach a course for students of the BA programme on the topic of their research project. In this way, didactic skills, such as the clear and comprehensible presentation of scientific work, are encouraged and promoted. The performance of a teaching assignment can replace a qualification course. It is relatively attractive to offer courses in the [Studium Fundamentale](#). (These are interdisciplinary courses on a topic that is of interest to students of all fields of study, offered by two lecturers from different fields of study; one must have a doctorate).

Participation in a total of four qualification courses or equivalents (within the doctoral studies) is mandatory for doctoral researchers.

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IGS - International Graduate School "Resonant Self-World Relations in Ancient and Modern Socio-Religious Practices" | SG - Sozialphilosophie und Gesellschaftstheorie | KFG - Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe: "Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations" (FOR 2779) | ICAS - The M.S. Merian – R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies 'Metamorphoses of the Political' | SFB - Sonderforschungsbereich Transregio 294 „Strukturwandel des Eigentums“ | DeColSharia - ERC Advanced Grant "(De)Colonizing Sharia?"