



INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOL  
on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

## Doctoral Grant in Transnational Labor Markets

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), conducted jointly by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the University of Cologne, with the University of Duisburg-Essen as an associated partner, invites excellent candidates to apply for its doctoral program.

The doctoral projects, to be supervised by Prof. Karen Shire (University of Duisburg-Essen), are to examine the emerging transnational regulation of cross-border labor markets. Topics of potential interest include the self-organized market exchanges of private intermediaries, the interface of legal and illegal exchanges in human trafficking, labor relations in global value chains, transnational capacity-building of trade-unions and labor rights NGOs, global markets for domestic and care migration or other sectoral studies, and the gendered and racialized construction of migration labor markets. Of particular interest are studies of transnational labor markets in East Asia and the Asia Pacific, the 'free labor mobility' zone of the European Union, or inter-regional comparisons.

Candidates with an MA (120 ECTS credits) or the equivalent in political science, sociology, organization studies, or related fields are welcome to apply. Applicants are expected to have a strong interest in pursuing an academic career.

Research at the IMPRS-SPCE explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations. The graduate school features a unique curriculum including core courses and research methods as well as summer schools, opportunities to spend time at partner institutions, and the possibility of pursuing a joint German and French doctoral degree (cotutelle). Doctoral researchers take part in the intellectual life of the Institute and the two universities. For more about the program, see our websites (links below).

The grants are for 1,468 euros per month plus a health insurance subsidy of 100 euros and an optional family allowance. Contracts are for 15 months, extendible to a total of 42 months following positive evaluations. The working language of the IMPRS-SPCE is English. We offer fully equipped, shared offices in Duisburg and Cologne, access to extensive internal and external library services, and an international research environment.

Grants will start on October 1, 2018. Please apply online by **May 20, 2018** using the online application form at [imprs.mpifg.de](http://imprs.mpifg.de) > **Admission** with a cover letter, CV, a sample of your work (from your project work or MA thesis), an overview of potential dissertation topics with commentaries (max. 5 pages), and your certificates with an overview of final grades.

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