

**DEADLINE PROLONGED
TILL 25TH MAY 2015**

RUB European Dialogue

A network for Europe

Theme: *Europe as crisis and discourse: ideas check – venture practice – take responsibility*

Summary

Project target	18 young scientists and scholars, mostly in the graduation phase (3 postdocs possible) and preferably from the countries of Southern Europe (but also Germany, Middle East Europe and other European countries possible), will come together for a collaboration. They will be individually and intellectually promoted with their own projects. They are at the same time protagonists of European integration and they will be enabled for public performances and interventions.
Project structure	Three <i>summer courses</i> (24 working days) in Bochum, Germany in the years from 2015 to 2017, with a gradually structured program of scientific impulses, methodological discussions, applied media practice and action-orientated training. Four international workshops (3-4 working days) with the participants on different European University locations (primary Southern Europe) during the same period of time should address current issues in cooperation with regional partners, make local discussions and new approaches possible.
Project theme	The theme <i>Europe as a crisis and discourse: ideas check - venture practice - responsibility</i> is deliberately as broad as possible. For applications we look for projects with cultural and sociological issues referring to Europe, for example in the form of comparative studies of European countries. The Crisis is understood as a European core phenomenon, not a current state description: Europe is a discursive space that is considered to be <i>capable of crisis</i> : Crisis is a permanent condition, whereas decision situations have to be met and solved. "Criticism and crisis" (R. Koselleck) are the basic phenomena of bourgeois liberal society, which makes up the modern Europe. With J. Habermas, we see the public, i. e. discursive intervention and design as a form of any crisis management appropriate for Europe.
Funding volume	The participants will receive during the summer courses and for two of the four workshops integrated travel and residence scholarships (summer course: 1.400,00 EUR; Workshop: 600,00 EUR). The participants can also apply for additional scholarships for other workshops and in case of an above-average high travel costs apply for grants. Participation in all events of the summer courses is free of charge (incl. media training with external partners, as well as each a scientific excursion lasting several days).
Applications	Anyone interested in Europe can apply. Requirements are a degree valid for the admission to the PhD in their own country (usually: master qualification), an elaborate graduation project and – as far as possible – affiliation as graduate student at one university in Europe. The application should clarify their interest in the European dialogue in addition to the scientific approach (questioning, materials, procedure, theses; CV/photo). The participants should communicate in dialogue form internally as well as in various forms of public acting. They are called upon to intervene in European Affairs, to make their own research comprehensible for the public and to assume responsibility for Europe's future. Fluency in German (intermediate level) is compulsory.
Important data 2015	25 th March 2015: Start of the tender - start of the application period 9 th May 2015: Application deadline 2 nd June 2015: Decision of the selection Committee and information of the applicant 3 rd /4 th August 2014: Arrival to Bochum 5 th -28 th August 2014: First summer course 29 th / 31 st August 2014: Departure