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TILL 25TH MAY 2015**

**Invitation to tender:**

**RUB European Dialogue invites you to Bochum**

We are looking for PhD students (also, postdoc) preferably from southern Europe. We want to reflect with you on *Europe as a crisis and discourse*. We also want to test ideas, venture practice and take responsibility. Have guts to intervene in European Affairs! You could become a part of a network of future elites of Europe – even beyond Brussels' structures.

The crises of Europe are on everyone's lips, and the values of Europe are often challenged. Against all dejection and the retreat on stereotypes and confrontations this project encourages to the European virtue of the conversation. RUB European dialogue brings together young scientists from many parts of the continent, who are willing to discuss their research and to release creative potentials: Europeans from North and South, experts and citizens, researchers of many disciplines, in short: as many people as possible who are fond of Europe with all their heart. Dialogue and communication should defy the European crisis.

RUB European dialogue combines the idea of individual promotion of graduate students, as provided by classic graduate schools, with the impulse to intervene in European Affairs. The project offers in its *summer courses* - the first will take place in August 2015 - a dense offer of personal mentoring, scientific expertise and discussion on technical and methodological support of promotion projects. At the same time it conveys the empowerment of young people through media-practical exercises and numerous formats of the encounter with people in Germany to talk about Europe, not at least to provide information about their own country. This should brush aside prejudices and give aid to the growth of a new, personal awareness of Europe. With the additional proposal of *international workshops* the Bochum project immediately goes to the countries of Europe, for example to Spain or to Greece, to address contemporary local issues and to discuss them together with regional partners, or perhaps even to solve them.

Therefore there are some requirements on you: You can provide a qualified degree (M.A., for example) and are admitted at a University in Europe for the promotion. Your dissertation project refers to Europe, and you are eager to talk about it. You are standing up for Europe, also in the public eye. And you can make yourself understandable in German. Your application includes a motivation paper (1) explaining your interest in the project, (2) the examination certificate in copy, (3) CV with photo and (4) a draft of your PhD project (questions, materials, procedure, theses). The program runs over three years: by August 2015 till 2017. We expect your participation at the three summer courses and international workshops.

RUB European dialogue provides the following: for participation in the summer course in Bochum you will receive a stipend of 1.400,00 EUR, covering the travel and subsistence costs. If necessary, you can apply for a travel grant in addition. We are helping at finding your apartment and offering reasonably priced rooms in guest houses close to the RUB. The extensive program including lectures, media training, seminars and individual monitoring is free of charge, and RUB European dialogue bears all costs associated with the events. A highlight is a Europe excursion lasting several days, which is a special gift of the partners for you.

Our many partners – educational and research institutions, media, personalities and institutions of public life – are looking forward to contact you in the RUB European dialogue program. Many new contacts should expand your network in Europe and thus your chances. You are taking part in two out of four international workshops, which will be prepared and performed with your help. You have free choice to decide at which workshop you want to participate and will also be provided by an additional travel grant (600, 00 EUR). In addition you can make your own suggestions for the participants of the other two workshops.

RUB European dialogue accommodates 18 people - your application has a good chance!

Please apply - preferably by E-Mail - till 9 may 2015 (Day of Europe is our deadline!). In early June you will be provided by comprehensive information about the selection.

For more information look at the IDF website: [www.rub.de/deutschlandforschung](http://www.rub.de/deutschlandforschung)

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