



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

Two Doctoral Positions

in the Research Group “Sociology of Public Finances and Debt”

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) offers qualified graduate students an attractive research environment at the *International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)*, a joint PhD program with the Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne and the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

In 2019 the MPIfG will establish a new research group on the “Sociology of Public Finances and Debt.” For this group we are seeking two doctoral students, starting in October 2019.

The research group, led by Dr. Leon Wansleben, will contribute to the expanding field of sociological research on budgetary politics, the influence of financial market actors on governments, moral discourses around public indebtedness, and the political-economic forces behind expansions of public debt. International cooperation is a feature of the day-to-day work of the IMPRS-SPCE. The students, many from abroad, benefit from stays at IMPRS-SPCE partner institutions in various countries, where they meet leading scholars in their fields. With its unique curriculum of seminars, colloquia, and summer schools, and the opportunity to contribute actively to the intellectual life of the MPIfG and the two partner universities, the School creates an environment in which students can build essential professional skills and make the best possible start to a research career.

Candidates with a two-year master’s degree or equivalent qualification in sociology, political science, political economy, or related fields are welcome to apply. Applications from candidates with prior knowledge in economic sociology are particularly welcome.

All candidates are expected to have a strong interest in pursuing an academic career. Doctoral degrees are usually awarded by the University of Cologne and the University of Duisburg-Essen. Students at the IMPRS-SPCE may also acquire a French doctorate by entering the joint doctoral program (cotutelle de thèse) with Sciences Po in Paris.

The positions begin on October 1, 2019. Applications will be accepted from December 10, 2018 and must be submitted by **February 28, 2019**. For program details and an online application form, please see <http://imprs.mpifg.de>.

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