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PREFACE

This brochure provides a first insight into research in Germany in the field of anthropolgy and is especially recommended to early career researchers from abroad.

Anthropological research in Germany is primarily conducted at universities but also at non-university research institutions. Almost all universities and many universities of applied sciences host an anthropology research section. The spectrum ranges from small monothematic working groups to large interdisciplinary departments and covers a variety of topics from traditional areas to new explorative research fields.

This brochure is intended to give an initial overview. The following map and tables highlight research consortia and graduate training programmes at universities and non-university research institutes with a main focus on anthropology.

On top of this, there is a lot more to discover: e.g. the DFG funds a multitude of individual projects in the area of anthropology. These individual grants outweigh the research consortia both in number and in overall funding volume. Towards the end of this brochure, you will find a link to the online database GEPRIS that provides an overview of all DFG-funded research projects. You will also find additional important links for further information about programmes in the field of anthropology and profiles of German universities and research institutions.

We invite you to explore the many opportunities that Germany has to offer and welcome your feedback.

OVERVIEW



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DFG-funded Priority Programmes and several Research Units are not shown on the map since they are not necessarily located at a single location; they are listed on pages 13 and 15.

CENTRES OF RESEARCH



Clusters of Excellence (EXC) were established at universities in the framework of the German Excellence Initiative and promote cutting-edge research. Their objective is to engage in scientific networking and collaboration in research fields of particular promise for the future. They also offer excellent training conditions and career opportunities for early career researchers.

Collaborative Research Centres (CRC) are organisational units established at universities which enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties. The traditional Collaborative Research Centre is generally applied for by one university and is conducted by researchers of that university. Early career support is a key objective of the Collaborative Research Centre Programme. Early career researchers may get involved in a CRC in numerous ways, for example within the framework of an Integrated Research Training Group. Collaborative Research Centres are funded for a period of up to 12 years.

Transregios (TRR) are Collaborative Research Centres in which up to three universities collaborate with each other and submit a joint application. The contributions of the cooperative partners are essential, complementary and synergetic to the joint research objective. Funding facilitates close, nationwide collaboration among the participating universities and researchers, as well as networking and shared use of resources. There is also the option of international Transregios.

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
		clusters of excellence		
Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations (EXC 264)	2007	www.topoi.org
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg	Asia and Europe in a Global Context: The Dynamics of Transculturality (EXC 270)	2007	www.asia-europe. uni-heidelberg.de/ en/home.html
	COLLA	BORATIVE RESEARCH CEN	ITRES	
Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	Affective Societies - Dynamics of Social Coexistence in Mobile Worlds (CRC 1171)	2015	http://gepris.dfg.de Keyword: SFB 1171
Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	Episteme in Motion. Transfer of Knowledge from the Ancient World to the Early Modern Period (CRC 980)	2012	www.sfb-episteme. de/en
Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Transformations of Antiquity (CRC 644)	2005	www.sfb-antike.de
Cologne	Universität zu Köln	Our Way to Europe: Culture-Environment Interaction and Human Mobility in the Late Quaternary (CRC 806)	2009	www.sfb806.uni- koeln.de
Düsseldorf	Heinrich-Heine- Universität Düsseldorf	The Structure of Representations in Language, Cognition, and Science (CRC 991)	2011	www.sfb991. uni-duesseldorf.de/ en/the-structure-of- representations-in- language-cognition- and-science
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg	Material Text Cultures. Materiality and Presence of Writing in Non-Typographic Societies (CRC 933)	2011	www.materiale- textkulturen.org
Saarbrücken	Universität des Saarlandes	Information Density and Linguistic Encoding (IDeaL) (CRC 1102)	2014	www.sfb1102.uni- saarland.de
Stuttgart	Universität Stuttgart	Incremental Specification in Context (CRC 732)	2006	www.uni-stuttgart. de/linguistik/sfb732

CENTRES OF RESEARCH

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Tübingen	Eberhard-Karls- Universität Tübingen	ResourceCultures - Sociocultural Dynamics and the Use of Resources (CRC 1070)	2013	www.uni-tuebingen. de/en/research/ core-research/ collaborative- research-centers/ sfb-1070
Tübingen	Eberhard-Karls- Universität Tübingen	The Construction of Meaning - The Dynamics and Adaptivity of Linguistic Structures (CRC 833)	2009	www.uni-tuebingen. de/en/research/ core-research/ collaborative- research-centers/ sfb-833.html
	COLLABORATI	ve research centres/tr	ransregi	OS
Magdeburg	Otto-von-Guericke- Universität Magdeburg	The Active Auditory System (TRR 31)	2005	https://www.uni- oldenburg.de/en/ sfb-trr31
Oldenburg	Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg			







RESEARCH UNITS

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Research Units (FOR) often contribute to establishing new research directions. Research Units are made up of a team of researchers working together on a research project which is often of an interdisciplinary nature. Research Units consist of several researchers and subprojects. The subprojects of a Research Unit are often located at several locations throughout Germany. Research Units are generally funded for up to six years.

In case most of a Research Unit's subprojects are located at one place, it is represented in the map.







research units

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Spoken Morphology: Phonetics and Phonology of Complex Words (FOR 2373)	2015	http://gepris.dfg.de Keyword: FOR 2373
Crossing the Borders: The Interplay of Language, Cognition, and the Brain in Early Human Development (FOR 2253)	2015	http://gepris.dfg.de Keyword: FOR 2253
Words, Bones, Genes, Tools: Tracking Linguistic, Cultural and Biological Trajectories of the Human Past (FOR 2237) Subprojects mainly located in: Tübingen	2014	www.wordsandbones.uni-tuebingen. de
Relativity in Social Cognition: Antecedents and Consequences of Comparative Thinking (SoCCCo) (FOR 2150)	2014	http://soccco.uni-koeln.de
Sociality and Health in Primates (FOR 2136)	2014	www.sohapi.de
Urban Ethics: Conflicts about the Good and Proper Conduct of Life in 20th and 21st Century Cities (FOR 2101) Subprojects mainly located in: Munich	2015	www.en.urbane-ethiken.uni- muenchen.de
Relative Clauses (FOR 1783) Subprojects mainly located in: Frankfurt/Main	2011	www.fg1783.uni-frankfurt.de/ english
Transalpine Mobility and Cultural Transfer (FOR 1670) Subprojects mainly located in: Munich	2012	www.en.for1670-transalpine. uni-muenchen.de
Expectation and Conditioning as Basic Processes of the Placebo and Nocebo Response: Transferring Mechanisms to Clinical Applications (FOR 1328)	2010	http://placeboforschung.de/en

PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

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Priority Programmes (SPP) have a programmatic focus and have the purpose of advancing knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support.

They are characterised by their enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields. One programme can consist of up to 30 individual researchers and subprojects located at several institutions across Germany; it usually has one coordinating person. Priority Programmes normally receive funding for a period of six years.

Priority Programmes are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the overall themes and the project website are listed.



PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

Title	Funded Since	Contact
XPrag.de: New Pragmatic Theories based on Experimental Evidence (SPP 1727)	2014	www.xprag.de
Harbours from the Roman Period to the Middle Ages - Archaeology and History of Regional and Supra-regional Traffic Systems (SPP 1630)	2012	www.spp-haefen.de/en
Adaptation and Creativity in Africa - Technologies and Significations in the Production of Order and Disorder (SPP 1448)	2011	www.spp1448.de
Early Monumentality and Social Differentiation. On the Origin and Development of Neolithic Large-Scale Buildings and the Earliest Complex Societies in Northern Central Europe (SPP 1400)	2015	www.monument.ufg.uni-kiel.de/en





The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation of 89 research institutes. The annual budget amounts to 1.45 billion euros. Some 8,800 researchers – more than 1,100 of them from abroad – work on a widely diverse range of subjects, including the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences and environmental research. www.leibniz-association.eu

The Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science is one of Germany's largest independent non-profit research organisations. The Max Planck Society has been allocated approximately 1.7 billion euros for 2015. A combined total of more than 11,000 researchers, postdoctoral/junior researchers and visiting researchers at 83 Max Planck Institutes conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities. One third of the researchers and more than half of the junior and visiting researchers come from abroad. **www.mpg.de**

NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Location	Institution	Contact
	leibniz institutes	
Berlin	Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)	www.wzb.eu/en
Braun- schweig	Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research	www.gei.de/en
Dortmund	ILS - Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development	www.ils-research.de
Frankfurt/ Main	Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)	www.hsfk.de
Hamburg	GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies	www.giga-hamburg. de/english
Mannheim	Institute for the German Language (IDS)	http://www1.ids- mannheim.de/start/ entrance-into-the-ids. html?L=1
Mannheim	GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences	www.gesis.org/en
Tübingen	Knowledge Media Research Center	www.iwm-kmrc.de
	max planck institutes	
Cologne	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies	www.mpifg.de/index_ en.asp
 Göttingen 	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity	www.mmg.mpg.de
Halle (Saale)	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	www.eth.mpg. de/2169/en
Jena	Max Planck Insitute for the Science of Human History	www.shh.mpg.de/en
Leipzig	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology	www.eva.mpg.de/ index.html
Leipzig Rehovot (Israel)	Max Planck Weizmann Center for Integrative Archaeology and Anthropology	www.eva.mpg.de/ mpwc/index.html
Nijmegen (The Netherlands)	Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics	www.mpi.nl
Rostock	Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research	www.demogr.mpg. de/en

NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Location	Institution	Contact
	OTHERS	
Berlin	German Archaeological Institute (DAI)	https://www.dainst.org
Berlin	National Museums in Berlin	www.smb.museum/en/home.html
● Frankfurt/ Main	Point Sud	www.goethe- university-frankfurt. de/50800401/DFG- Programm-Point-Sued
Mainz	Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum	http://web.rgzm.de/ en.html
Mannheim	Reiss-Engelhorn Museen	www.rem-mannheim. de/en
Schleswig	Archäologisches Landesmuseum Schloss Gottorf	www.schloss-gottorf. de/archaeologisches- landesmuseum/ ausstellungen/ forschung (DE)







GRADUATE TRAINING

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Graduate Schools (GSC) were established at universities in the framework of the German Excellence Initiative. Their objective is to provide training and qualification for outstanding doctoral students from Germany and abroad within an excellent research environment. They serve as an instrument of quality assurance in promoting early career researchers and offer large networks that cover wide areas of research.

Research Training Groups (RTG) combine an ambitious research programme at universities with comprehensive training, tailored supervision and academic freedom to form an ideal environment for a successful doctorate. Research Training Groups can also have an interdisciplinary approach. They are funded for a period of up to nine years.

Integrated Research Training Groups (within Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios) offer ideal research environments for doctoral researchers. The main aim of these structured training programmes is to provide young scientists and academics with opportunities to independently carry out research at an early stage of their career. The programmes further take care to closely integrate early career researchers into an academic network. Working in Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres projects, doctoral researchers achieve additional qualifications. As research assistants in these projects, they contribute to the Research Centre's success. They are closely involved with the projects and have access to the entire project infrastructure.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
		GRADUATE SCHOOLS		
Bayreuth	Universität Bayreuth	Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) (GSC 144)	2007	www.bigsas.uni- bayreuth.de
Kiel	Christian-Albrechts- Universität zu Kiel	Human Development in Landscapes (GSC 208)	2007	www.gshdl.uni-kiel. de
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München	Distant Worlds: Munich Graduate School for Ancient Studies (GSC 1039)	2012	www.mzaw.uni- muenchen.de/dw/ index.html
	RES	Search training group	'S	
Bonn Cologne	Rheinische Friedrich- Wilhelms Universität Bonn Universität zu Köln	Archaeology of Pre-Modern Economies (RTG 1878)	2013	www. wirtschaftsarchaeologie. de/en
Frankfurt/ Main	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main	Nominal Modification (RTG 2016)	2015	www.uni-frankfurt. de/50692667
Frankfurt/ Main	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main	Value and Equivalence - The Genesis and Transformation of Values from an Archaeological and Anthropological Perspective (RTG 1576)	2010	www.value-and- equivalence.de/en/ home
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs- Universität Freiburg	Frequency Effects in Language: Frequency as a Determinant in Usage-based Models of Language Change, Language Processing and Language Acquisition (RTG 1624)	2009	http://frequenz.uni- freiburg.de
Greifswald	Ernst-Moritz-Arndt- Universität Greifswald	Biological RESPONSEs to Novel and Changing Environments (RESPONSE) (RTG 2010)	2015	www.mnf.uni- greifswald.de/ institute/fr-biologie/ graduiertenkolleg- rtg-2010.html
Leipzig	Universität Leipzig	Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks (IGRA) (RTG 2011)	2014	https://igra.philol. uni-leipzig.de/en
Mainz	Johannes Gutenberg- Universität Mainz	Early Concepts of Man and Nature: Universal, Local, Borrowed (RTG 1876)	2013	www.blogs. uni-mainz.de/ fb07-grk-man-nature
Oldenburg	Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg	Molecular Basis of Sensory Biology (RTG 1885)	2013	www.uni-oldenburg. de/en/sensorybio

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Tübingen	Eberhard-Karls- Universität Tübingen	Ambiguity: Production and Perception (RTG 1808)	2013	www.uni-tuebingen. de/en/research/ core-research/ research-training- groups/grk-1808- ambiguity-production- and-perception.html
Würzburg	Julius-Maximilians- Universität Würzburg	Processing of Affective Stimuli: From the Molecular Basis to the Emotional Experience (RTG 1253)	2007	www.gk-emotions. uni-wuerzburg.de
INTE	Grated research ⁻	training groups in cll	JSTERS OF	excellence
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg	'Graduate Programme for Transcultural Studies (GPTS)' within: Asia and Europe in a Global Context: The Dynamics of Transculturality (EXC 270)	2007	www.asia-europe. uni-heidelberg.de/ en/studies/graduate- programme-for- transcultural-studies. html
INTEGRAT	ed research train	ing groups in collabo	drative re	search centres
Cologne	Universität zu Köln	Integrated Research Training Group within: Our Way to Europe: Culture-Environment Interaction and Human Mobility in the Late Quaternary (CRC 806)	2009	http://sfb806irtg. uni-koeln.de/?page_ id18
Düsseldorf	Heinrich-Heine- Universität Düsseldorf	'STORE - Graduate Training Program' within: The Structure of Representations in Language, Cognition, and Science (CRC 991)	2009	www.sfb991. uni-duesseldorf. de/store-graduate- training-program
Saarbrücken	Universität des Saarlandes	IGK – Integrated Research Training Group within: Information Density and Linguistic Encoding (CRC 1102)	2014	www.sfb1102.uni- saarland.de/?page_ id=1275
Stuttgart	Universität Stuttgart	MGK – Integrated Research Training Group within: Incremental Specification in Context (CRC 732)	2006	www.uni-stuttgart.de/ linguistik/sfb732/ index.php?article_ id=131

Graduate training

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/ TRANSREGIOS				
Magdeburg	Otto-von-Guericke- Universität Magdeburg	'Graduate Education' within: The Active Auditory System (TRR 31)	2005	https://www.uni- oldenburg.de/en/ academic-research/
Oldenburg	Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg			colloborative- research-projects/ sfb/sfb-trr31/ graduate-education





GRADUATE TRAINING

-AT NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS-

Leibniz Graduate Schools were established to foster the systematic promotion of junior researchers. Young researchers are given the opportunity to do their doctorates in an excellent, collaborative, cross-disciplinary research environment. To this end, Leibniz institutions cooperate closely with universities. As every Leibniz institution focuses on clearly defined, socially-relevant themes, doctoral candidates have a wealth of networking opportunities in a large, dedicated scientific community. The particular character of research at the institutions in the Leibniz Association, which includes fundamental, large-scale and application-oriented research, means doctoral candidates can conduct research from basic idea right through to application.

International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS) offer talented German and international junior scientists the opportunity to earn a doctorate under excellent research conditions. The research schools are established by one or several Max Planck Institutes. These IMPRS work in close cooperation with universities and other – sometimes international – research institutions. This provides an extraordinary framework for the graduate students to work in, and is a great advantage in interdisciplinary research projects, or in projects that require special equipment.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Title	Contact		
	leibniz graduate schools			
O Hamburg	Doctoral Programme of the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies	www.giga-hamburg. de/en/dp		
	international max planck research schools (imprs)		
Cologne	IMPRS on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)	http://imprs.mpifg.de		
O Halle (Saale)	IMPRS for the Anthropology, Archaeology and History of Eurasia (IMPRS ANARCHIE)	www.eth.mpg. de/3423662/ anarchie		
O Halle (Saale)	IMPRS on Retaliation, Mediation and Punishment (IMPRS REMEP)	www.remep.mpg.de		
Leipzig	IMPRS 'The Leipzig School of Human Origins' (IMPRS LSHO)	www.leipzig-school. eva.mpg.de		
Nijmegen (The Nether- lands)	IMPRS for Language Sciences	www.mpi.nl/ education/imprs-for- language-sciences		



SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS IN GERMANY

OPEN POSITIONS

Deutscher Verband für Archäologie e.V. (DVA): www.dvarch.de (DE)

German Linguistic Society (DGfS): https://dgfs.de/en

German Anthropological Association (GAA): www.dgv-net.de/english.html

dgv Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde: www.d-g-v.org (DE)



Helmholtz Association: www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent

Max Planck Society: www.mpg.de/jobboard

Leibniz Society: www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/karriere

Fraunhofer Society: www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-career.html







FURTHER INFORMATION

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PROJECTS, FUNDING, CONTACTS

Research in Germany Land of Ideas The "Research in Germany" Portal: Information on research and funding opportunities, academic and research-related job portals, as well as advice on preparing a research stay or initiating a collaboration with German research organisations. www.research-in-germany.org





German Project Information System (GEPRIS): Online database providing information about all current DFG-funded research projects and contact information for the Principal Investigators. http://gepris.dfg.de





The Research Explorer: Information on more than 19 000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions, searchable by geographic location, subject and other structural criteria. http://research-explorer.dfg.de





Website of the DFG: Further background information about DFG funding programmes, funding guidelines, and lists of currently DFG-funded activities. www.dfg.de





The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) Research Map:

The interactive HRK *Research Map* database provides information on the research priorities that are of strategic institutional importance for each university.



www.hrk.de/home (go to \rightarrow *Research Map*)



The Higher Education Compass: Information on Germany's higher education institutions, the range of courses and programmes that they offer, their worldwide cooperation, and who to contact locally.



www.hochschulkompass.de/en/higher-education-compass









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