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Graduate School
Global and Area Studies

Combines Research
and Training

The Graduate School Global and Area Studies Leipzig

is a leading research institution offering a dynamic and interdisciplinary environment for PhD candidates and researchers. With its focus on 21st century challenges and related global transformation processes, its excellent supervisors and its location in the vibrant city of Leipzig, GSGAS is an ideal place for anyone interested in conducting in-depth research in Global and Area Studies.

Who we are

The Graduate School is part of the Leipzig Research Center Global Dynamics (ReCent-Globe) and bundles the training and further qualification of young academics in the field of interdisciplinary globalisation research.

In the structured training of PhD candidates, the Graduate School builds on a twenty-year tradition of interaction between spatial and historical, social and cultural sciences. The graduate school currently has 120 members from more than 40 countries. Every year, about 20 doctoral students start their dissertation project at GSGAS and a similar number successfully complete their PhD. The GSGAS is supported by around 40 supervisors and mentors from Leipzig University and associated institutions.

What we do

The teaching formats we offer are research seminars, working groups, colloquia, summer schools and winter retreats. The course programme of the GSGAS is basically interdisciplinary and offers PhD candidates opportunities for theoretical and methodological in-depth study, for specific further training and for scientific exchange. The PhD candidates are involved in teaching and research, have a good standing in the scientific community and thus excellent career prospects.

The taught part of the PhD programme lasts six semesters / three years. The curriculum includes the participation in courses introducing the research agenda and relating it to the individual PhD projects, interdisciplinary

research seminars and doctoral colloquia as well as working groups. Introductory courses and research seminars serve the interdisciplinary qualification of the PhD candidates, and are often co-taught by lecturers from different disciplines.

Research Seminars

- Introduction to the Research Agenda of Respatialization
- Methods in interdisciplinary research
- How to structure a PhD thesis
- Digital Humanities and research data management

The GSGAS organise several qualification workshops as well as annual Summer and Winter Schools.

In addition to the teaching programme and an excellent supervision the Graduate School offers its members a number of benefits, including travel grants, workspaces, language training and childcare.

Thesis Advisory Committees (TAC)

The supervision of PhD candidates in the GSGAS follows a uniform high standard, which includes the following components: Mentoring in addition to direct supervision and annual

meetings with the TAC, where the PhD candidates regularly report on their work progress. In the seven disciplinary or thematically organized TACs, the doctoral researchers regularly report on their work progress.

Postdoc Certificate Programme

The Postdoc Certificate Programme is a joint project of GSGAS, the Leibniz Institutes for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and for Regional Geography (IfL) and supports young researchers from the regional, historical, cultural and social sciences in their further qualification in the areas of interdisciplinary competence development and in acquiring experience in cross-sectional areas such as internationalisation, networking and interdisciplinarity. The Postdocs of the programme contribute significantly in teaching and mentoring the PhD candidates.

Who we are looking for

We are looking for original contributions by excellent PhD candidates from all fields of area studies, history, social sciences as well as international studies who are interested in finding a comprehensive answer to the general

question of how societies across the globe react to the dialectics of de- and reterritorialisation. What interests us is the persistence of long-standing and the emergence of new spatial conditions for social interaction within and between cultures, nations and regional clusters of states. We hope to gain a better understanding of global dynamics and to overcome a paradigm that sees globalisation as a natural process that extends across the entire planet without any alternative.

Application

The selection process is based on the excellence of the applicants and the availability of qualified supervision by professors at Leipzig University. Prerequisites for acceptance include above average grades in a Master's degree as well as a thematically appropriate PhD proposal.

Find out how to apply here:

<https://recentglobe.uni-leipzig.de/forschung/graduierenschule>



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