



## IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Program

### Doctoral Positions in Economic Sociology and Political Economy

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 Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne and the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

As Germany's first graduate program in economic sociology and political economy, the IMPRS-SPCE welcomes outstanding doctoral students of political science and sociology from Germany and abroad. Research at the School explores the social and political foundations of modern economies and examines the interrelation between economic and social action. It combines approaches from economic sociology as well as comparative and international political economy.

IMPRS-SPCE students benefit from the opportunity to contribute actively to the intellectual life of the MPiFG and its two partner universities in Germany and to spend time at the School's partner institutions abroad. Students may also earn a French doctorate by entering the joint doctoral program (*cotutelle de thèse*) with Sciences Po in Paris. With these opportunities and its unique curriculum of seminars, colloquia, and summer schools, the IMPRS-SPCE is an environment in which students can build essential professional skills and make the best possible start to a research career.

Applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) with at least 120 ECTS in a discipline related to the School's program (sociology, political science, economics, or a related field). As the doctoral degrees are awarded by the University of Cologne or the University of Duisburg-Essen, applicants must meet the requirements for admission to doctoral study at the degree-awarding university.

A collaborative and collegial working environment is integral to the MPiFG. Starting from the application process, we are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all of our employees. The compatibility of career and family is also one of our key concerns, as is the employment of people with disabilities.

We look forward to receiving your [online application](#) (see also the button below) in English. Please note that applications by email cannot be considered. For further information on the program and how to apply, please visit our [website](#). Applications **must be submitted by February 28, 2025 (23:59h UTC+01:00)**.

#### ABOUT US

Talent, creativity, and passion are qualities the Max Planck Society and the MPiFG rely on. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace. We advocate equality of opportunity and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, irrespective of gender, nationality, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation or identity. In diversity lies the basis for the cutting-edge research conducted at over 80 Max Planck Institutes.

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