Visiting Fellowships for New Delhi (ICAS:MP) in 2017/18

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Closing date: 31 March 2017  (new: April 7th)

“Metamorphoses of the Political: Comparative Perspectives on the Long Twentieth Century” is the first M.S. Merian - R. Tagore International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (ICAS:MP) abroad that is financed by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

ICAS:MP has its main location in New Delhi and is organised collectively by an Indo-German consortium consisting of the Centre for Modern India, University of Würzburg, the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Göttingen, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, the Centre for the Study of Social Sciences Calcutta (CSSSC), Kolkata, the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi, the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt and the Max Weber Foundation, Bonn, with its German Historical Institute London (GHIL).

ICAS:MP combines the benefits of an open, interdisciplinary forum for intellectual exchange with the advantages of a cutting-edge research centre. The centre will focus on key political processes that have emerged in parallel in many parts of the world during the twentieth century through to the present day. A core objective of ICAS-MP consists in connecting scholars whose regional specialization usually tends to keep them apart. Scholarly exchange and joint exploration within ICAS-MP will be defined by a shared interest in examining the shifting boundaries, historically contingent contents, and intellectual lineages of the twentieth-century ‘political’ and by working comparatively, the Centre will highlight the overlapping yet distinctive trajectories of political processes that have unfolded over the globe.

ICAS:MP seeks applications for the following short-term postdoctoral fellowships for 2017/18:

Please note: the award of all fellowships is subject to availability and approval of funding

**Thematic Module 1** “History as a Political Category” (2 fellowships up to 4 months each)
**Start date:** no later than October 2017
**Specific areas of research interest:** History and the politics of recognition, or History and democracy

**Thematic Module 4** “Normative Conflicts and Transformations” (1 fellowship, of up to 6 months),
**Start date:** preferably June 2017

**Thematic Module 5** “Gender as a Political Category” (2 fellowships, of 4 months each)
**Specific areas of research interest:** Gender, Civil Society, and the Role of the State
**Start date:** preferably September 2017 and January 2018

**Thematic Module 6** “Political Economy of Growth and Distribution” (1 fellowship, of up to 7 months)
**Start date:** preferably July 2017
**Specific areas of research interest:** open to applicants from all areas of development economics and closely related fields. Candidates with an interest in Public Health or Long Run Development are particularly encouraged to apply
For detailed module descriptions and responsible partners please consult the website of ICAS:MP (www.icas-mp.org).

**Fellows will be based in Delhi at the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)**

For all ICAS:MP postdoctoral fellows there is a possibility to subsequently also apply for a follow-up fellowship for the autumn/winter term 2017/18 at the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies in Erfurt (up to 3 fellowships of up to 3 months each). Fellows can also apply for Gerald D. Feldmann Travel grants (www.maxweberstiftung.de/en/foerderung/gerald-d-feldman-travel-grants.html) from the MWS/GHIL (up to 3 travel grants for 2-3 months), and TM 1 fellows can apply at the [German Historical Institute London](http://www.maxweberstiftung.de/en/foerderung/gerald-feldmann-travel-grants.html).

The **monthly stipend** starts at 1.500,00 €, plus housing and travel allowance. Fellowship recipients will also receive reimbursement for their round-trip airfare to New Delhi. For details see “Terms and Conditions” on our website (micasmp.hypotheses.org/terms-conditions-for-postdoctoral-fellowships).

**Application Process**

Interested applicants from related social sciences and humanities disciplines working on thematic fields relevant to ICAS:MP are invited to apply. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the quality and fit of their proposals, potential for academic distinction, and experience working cross culturally.

Applicants are expected to possess adequate language skills (English, and if required by the applicant’s research project, the respective Indian or other languages).

Applications (CV, a copy of last degree, list of publications, project description – no more than 3000 words, research schedule for the fellowship period, letters of reference and/or full contact details of 3 referees) should be submitted by **7 April 2017** as one PDF (5 MB maximum) along with a cover letter of one page that briefly outlines your experience and qualifications by email to Dr. Elvira Graner (graner@mwsIndia.org).

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