Call for Applications:

The Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) is calling for applications to its International Doctoral Program starting in October 2014.

Research proposals should relate to the empirical analysis of the following research areas and topics. The combination of areas and topics is welcome:

**Inclusion**
- Social inequality and life chances
- Social protest and social conflict
- Immigrant integration, cultural diversity, and the politics of immigration
- Life courses and demographic change
- Work, education and the conduct of life
- Urban inequalities and resourceful cities

**Democracy**
- Comparative constitutional politics
- Processes of democratization, the crisis of democracy, and the resilience of autocracy
- Evolutionary approaches to the global diffusion of political regime types
- Political attitudes and the determinants of political behavior
- Institutions, Elections and the Politics of Sustainability
- Health and welfare in the 21st century

BGSS is also calling for the European PhD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies, an international, interdisciplinary graduate program cooperating with seven European partner universities.

**Socio-Economics**
- Methodological aspects of socio-economic research
- The interrelationship between economic and social structure
- Processes of change in economic organizations and institutions
- Labor markets, employment, and inequality
- Welfare state analysis and social security
- Economic and social inequality and perceptions of social justice

BGSS is also calling for the European Doctoral Program "Europe in its Global Context", an international doctoral program in the Social Sciences in co-operation with the Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane and four associated universities in Hungary, Turkey, Israel, and Tunisia.

**Political Sociology of Europe**
- Construction of borders in "Europe" in a global perspective
- Emergence of transnational social/political spaces in Europe
- Identity constructions and identity conflicts in Europe
- Social and political protest in Europe and beyond
- Transformation of civil society in Eastern and Southern Europe
Admission is based on academic excellence and is open to students with a Master’s degree or equivalent in social sciences (sociology, political science, and neighboring disciplines). We expect high-level knowledge of current theoretical debates in the social sciences. Precondition for the application is the documentation of in-depth knowledge of quantitative or qualitative techniques of social research, the commitment to empirical research, and English proficiency at an academic level.

Applicants who successfully passed the selection procedure need to secure doctoral funding in order to start the program. The BGSS together with its cooperating partner institutes can award a limited number of doctoral scholarships/positions and funding of conferences and research stays abroad. BGSS invites candidates to simultaneously apply for outside sources of funding, such as the DAAD, Erasmus Mundus Funding and fellowships from foundations.

Membership at the BGSS, the SESS and the EDPIII doctoral program is contingent on the successful completion of the annual curricular milestones.

Please submit your application from November 15 to December 22, 2013 via the BGSS online platform at

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