



Memorandum of Understanding

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between the WZB Berlin Social Science Center and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) for cooperation on the WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme.

The WZB and ISSC agree the following:

Purpose of the programme

The purpose of the WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme is to provide one fellowship per year for a research stay of up to six months at the WZB in Berlin, to contribute to building a network of talented early career scientists who can create knowledge for solutions to global challenges. The Fellowships are awarded to talented early career social scientists working and residing in a developing country. For the purpose of this programme, "early career" means scientists with no more than 5 years' work experience after obtaining their PhD or scientists without a PhD but with an equivalent level of research experience and output.

Besides allowing the Fellows to focus entirely on a dedicated research project, they are invited to participate in the intellectual life at the WZB. Moreover, they are encouraged to offer a public lecture or an academic seminar during their residence. The WZB also offers the opportunity to contribute an article to our discussion paper series or to the quarterly journal addressing issues of public concern for an expert readership beyond academia.

The Fellowship is linked to the ISSC's World Social Science (WSS) Fellows programme, and Fellows in the WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme will participate in the WSS Fellows network. This participation includes, but is not limited to, possible participation in ISSC activities like the World Social Science Report and the World Social Science Forum.

Funding

Funding for the fellowship is made available by the WZB. Recipients of the Fellowship will be based at the WZB, and will be provided with a grant for up to six months at a level commensurate with that of a German Post-Doctoral researcher, as well as a contribution to local accommodation (up to 500 EUR per month). The WZB will also provide a work place (equipped with PC, Internet access and communication support), full library privileges and additional technical services. Fellows will receive support to participate in a World Social Science Forum.

Governance and responsibilities

WZB and ISSC are jointly responsible for the selection of the recipients of the Fellowship. A selection committee consisting of an equal number of WZB representatives and ISSC representatives will select a short list of candidates per Fellowship. The final selection is done by the WZB on the basis of interviews with the candidates on the short list.

Communications about the programme, including but not limited to, promotion of the Fellowship and distribution of calls for applications will be undertaken by the WZB and the ISSC jointly. The WZB is in the lead for these efforts.

Financial administration of the WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme will be undertaken by WZB, which will also be responsible for logistical arrangements related to the fellowship in Berlin and participation in related scientific activities, including the World Social Science Forum in Durban, South Africa. The ISSC is in the lead for the organisation of the content of the participation of Fellows in the World Social Science Forum.

Other agreements

All communication efforts related to the Fellowship programme will bear the logos of the WZB and the ISSC.

The Fellowship programme will be evaluated after two years.


The activities in this MoU may at any time be altered or added upon by mutual agreement.

Term of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding covers the period of 2013-2015. It may be extended by mutual agreement.

Signed:

Berlin,  September 2013



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