



# Doctoral Education in Partnerships

A PhD program of the  
Bremen International Graduate School  
of Social Sciences



# BIGSSS invites applications to its PhD program BIGSSS-departs

**BIGSSS** is an inter-university graduate school in the social sciences, located at the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen, Germany. The graduate school hosts more than 110 international PhD fellows and more than 60 faculty members. A key asset of BIGSSS' academic program is its interdisciplinarity, integrating most major social science disciplines and a broad spectrum from quantitative to qualitative methods into one school.

**BIGSSS-departs** is a full-time PhD program co-funded by the European Union. It provides close supervision of dissertation work in a demand-tailored education and research environment. Admitted fellows of the program receive employment contracts. Funds for fieldwork, conference participation and travel costs are provided.

Successful applicants pursue a dissertation project in one of BIGSSS' three thematic fields:

- | A. Global Governance and Regional Integration
- | B. Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- | C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

PhD fellows commit themselves to a 42-month structured curriculum, including a six-month stay abroad at one of our partner institutions: University of Edinburgh, Duke University, Manipal University, Moscow Higher School of Economics, Sciences Po/Paris, Università degli studi di Milano, IIR Kiev, UNC at Chapel Hill, Bertelsmann Foundation, Edna Pasher PhD & Associates.

The program starts on Sept 1, 2017.



**Applications** must be submitted online at <https://admissions-departs-2017.bigsss-bremen.de>

We seek international candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, psychology, or related social science disciplines. The application deadline is Jan 31, 2017. Applications must be submitted in English.

**More information** on the BIGSSS-departs PhD Program and application requirements can be found at [www.bigsss-bremen.de](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de)

BIGSSS – Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences  
Dr. Christian Peters | Mary-Somerville-Str. 9 | 28359 Bremen | Germany  
email: [cpeters@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:cpeters@bigsss-bremen.de) | phone: +49 (0)421 218 66400