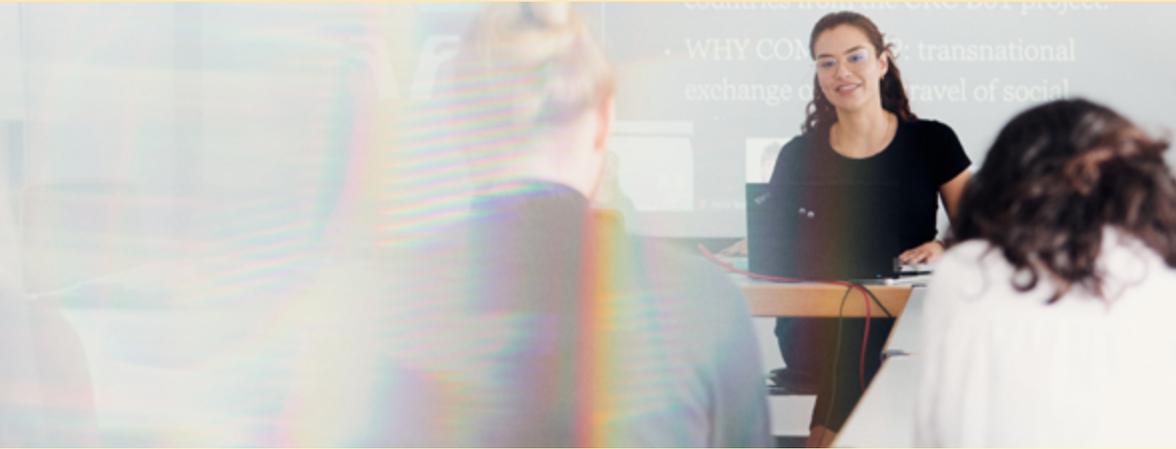


BIGSSS

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences

BIGSSS is an inter-university graduate school in the social sciences, located at the public University of Bremen and private Constructor University in Bremen, Germany. The graduate school currently hosts about 90 international PhD fellows and 60 faculty members. Its growing alumni network consists of more than 230 graduates.



Research & Training Network

BIGSSS is founded upon the core disciplines of political science, sociology, and psychology. A key asset of BIGSSS' academic program is its interdisciplinarity, also integrating bordering social science disciplines and a broad spectrum from quantitative to qualitative research methods.

Research at BIGSSS is embedded in Bremen's social science research institutes, including the Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy (SOCIUM), the Research Centre for International Relations, European Politics and Political Theory (InIIS), Collaborative Research Centre 1342 on Global Dynamics of Social Policy, the Research Centre for Social Cohesion (RISC) at the University of Bremen, and the School of Business, Social & Decision Sciences at Constructor University. The graduate school has long-standing cooperations with national and international research institutes and universities and a diverse network with various partners inside and outside academia.

Doctoral Education

BIGSSS doctoral programs combine a demand-tailored curriculum, close supervision, and progress monitoring with early scientific independence. The Graduate School thus provides doctoral students with high quality methodological, theoretical, and empirical training under exceptional working conditions. The structured PhD program aim to prepare doctoral students for leading professional positions within and beyond academia.

Academic Programs

BIGSSS offers various academic programs, primarily directed at scholars in their doctoral and postdoctoral phase with different status, sources of funding and curricular elements. The language of instruction in all our programs is English.

Regular PhD | PhD

Fellows of the Regular PhD program commit themselves to the full academic program of the BIGSSS curriculum. They receive demand-tailored theoretical and methodological training, acquire teaching experience in small seminars, and complete their top-notch dissertations in a timely manner.

Regular PhD Fellowships are offered within the various research programs at BIGSSS, such as DFG Research Training Groups or the DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Program. Admitted fellows receive stipends or work contracts contingent on successful completion of each year.

Start:
Sep 1
(or as announced)

Application:
Announced online

Affiliated PhD | PhD

Doctoral candidates working in third-party funded or other research projects in the Bremen Social Sciences are eligible for the Affiliated PhD Program at BIGSSS. Affiliated fellows profit from the structured curriculum and supervisory concept at BIGSSS with a reduced workload.

Start:
Sep 1
(or as announced)

Application:
Announced online

Affiliated Postdoc | Postdoc

BIGSSS offers affiliations to postdoctoral researchers working in the social sciences at the University of Bremen or Constructor University. Affiliated postdocs participate in the doctoral colloquia of BIGSSS, are involved in graduate school life at all levels, and are invited to offer courses themselves.

Start:
Flexible

Application:
Rolling

Visiting Program | PhD, Postdoc & Prof

BIGSSS offers research stays to early and senior career researchers from other institutions. Visiting fellows participate in courses and research activities at BIGSSS. They will benefit from the excellent working conditions at the University of Bremen and the Constructor University, as well as the direct connection to and work in several outstanding social science research institutes. The stay is unfunded, but office space and access to the universities' libraries are provided.

Start:
Flexible

Application:
Rolling

For further information on BIGSSS' academic programs, open calls and application deadlines, check the website:

www.bigsss-bremen.de



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