

## Call for Applications

# Visiting Fellowships at the Collaborative Research Center "Dynamics of Security"

Academic Year 2024/2025

Deadline for submission is June 15, 2024

The Collaborative Research Center (CRC) "Dynamics of Security. Types of Securitization from a Historical Perspective", a cooperation of Philipps University Marburg, Justus Liebig University Giessen, the University of Bamberg, and the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg, is offering three visiting fellowships for excellent young researchers. The duration of the fellowships is up to six months, starting between October 2024 and February 2025.

### Research Program

Collaborative Research Centers (CRCs) are temporarily established institutions funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for a period of up to 12 years. Their aim is to enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research program at the intersection of various disciplines and approaches. At the CRC "Dynamics of Security", around 50 researchers from different disciplines (history, peace and conflict studies, political science, law, sociology, economic history and art history) are investigating how imaginaries of security have changed historically and how these imaginaries are expressed in the development and implementation of political measures. Of particular interest is the analysis of the mutually dependent processes of representation and production of security in their respective historical contexts. The focus here is on the construction and institutionalization of security as interdependent, dynamic processes. Building on the approach of the Copenhagen School in the field of International Relations the CRC subsumes these dynamic processes under the term "securitization". By including a historical perspective, it seeks to deepen and broaden this perspective. The CRC does not adhere to a certain underlying, static definition of security: security, understood as a historically changeable and varying concept is seen as a societal construct, the object of competing interpretations and interests. In line with this approach, the focus of research is not on a specific time period but on various epochs.



## Fellowships

The fellowships are aimed at scholars at various career stages, including doctoral candidates. The amount of the fellowship grant is calculated on an individual need basis and depends on own income. All fellows will receive a monthly living and material cost allowance of 750€. Furthermore, we offer a monthly child allowance of 250€ for every child under 28 and reimburse travel costs at the beginning and end of the stay. Fellows who come without or with only limited funding/salary will additionally get a basic grant of up to 1750€.

Visiting fellows are expected to contribute to the discussions and activities of our integrated graduate school and to actively participate in workshops and seminars. This will also include a presentation of current research in one of the seminars, as well as the submission of a report on research results and activities once the stay is over. Applicants are encouraged to identify the sub-project(s) of the Center towards which their research endeavor during the guest fellowship will contribute most. More information on the subprojects of the CRC can be found here: [www.uni-marburg.de/en/sfb138/research/subprojects](http://www.uni-marburg.de/en/sfb138/research/subprojects). Situated at the intersection of social sciences, humanities and history, the Center welcomes applications from a wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including political science, sociology, philosophy, history of art, law, and economics.

## Diversity and equal opportunities

The CRC "Dynamics of Security" is committed to fostering equal opportunities and participation for all, regardless of their gender, religion/belief, age, sexual orientation, disability or chronic illness, geographical, ethnic or social origin, or appearance. In line with our diversity policy, we welcome all applications and give preference to candidates from underrepresented groups, if accordingly qualified.

## Applications

Applications can be submitted in English or German and should outline the benefits of the fellowship and interactions with the Collaborative Research Center for the applicant and vice versa.

The application should include the following documents:

- Letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)
- CV (including relevant publications and language skills)
- copies of academic diplomas
- short description (max. 3 pages) of the research project in progress
- letter of recommendation (for doctoral candidates provided by thesis supervisor)

### Deadline for application

The deadline for the submission of applications and letters of recommendation is June 15 2024. Please send all documents in a single PDF file via email to: [crc138.fellowships@uni-marburg.de](mailto:crc138.fellowships@uni-marburg.de). The letter of recommendation needs to be sent directly by the referee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Notification of selection results

We aim to inform candidates by July 15, 2024 about their successful application. We kindly ask you to refrain from making individual inquiries about the status of the selection process. As soon as the selection process is completed, we will inform all applicants of the result.

