



PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

Open PhD position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2017

Please note: the PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.

<u>Department/Institute:</u>	Dep. Political and Social Sciences at Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies – Joint Programme of Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), the Hertie School of Governance (HSoG), and the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
<u>Subject area:</u>	Transnational Studies
<u>Name of Supervisor:</u>	various
<u>Number of open PhD positions:</u>	2
<u>Type of the PhD Study:</u>	Full-time within a structured Graduate Programme
<u>Project title:</u>	diverse

PhD Project description:

Our program is strategically placed at the intersection of political science, economics, history, law, and sociology, where the most exciting changes and debates in an era of globalization and fragmentation take place. Globalization builds upon processes of rapid social, economic, and cultural change, reducing the relevance of national societies and their structures in favour of cross-border interaction and integration. An interdependent, globalized world generates two contradicting tendencies: risks (international financial crises, climate change, sectarian and ethnic conflict) and opportunities (greater human rights recognition, expanded markets, and easier global mobility). This duality presents a central challenge for the economy, for politics, and for institutions, as well as for national and international law. Our four primary research areas derive from this contradiction. The first deals with causes and consequences of globalization; the second investigates governance challenges; the third focuses on analytical comparisons of regional political, economic, and social structures; and the fourth deals with the EU as a transnational polity. These research areas should act as a guide for students. They are not mutually exclusive, but – much like the modern states they cover – somewhat blurred at their borders.

Language requirements:

Proof of C1-level English language skills or the equivalent. The C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages translates into other tests as follows (scores indicated are minimums):
IELTS: 6.5, TOEFL PBT: 603/677, TOEFL CBT: 263/300, TOEFL IBT: 110/120, TOEIC: 785

Academic requirements:

Admission to the programme is open to graduates of master's programmes in the social sciences and adjacent fields.

To apply to BTS you must submit:

- An exceptionally strong completed postgraduate (master's) degree qualifying for PhD studies in political science, international relations, sociology, economics, law, or related disciplines
- Proof of C1-level English language skills or the equivalent
- An up-to-date CV
- A short letter of motivation (600 words maximum)
- A research proposal (5,000 words maximum) with a timetable for your project
- Two letters of reference from professors at universities or research institutions

Information of the professor or research group leader:

General: <http://www.transnationalstudies.eu/>

Faculty/ Supervisors: http://www.transnationalstudies.eu/team.php?nav_id=1659

Please note:

In a first step the complete application should be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4th, 2017. Please don't contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application in January.