

Academics in Solidarity Policy Workshop

Call for Applications

Venue: International House, Freie Universität Berlin

9 October 2020

Mentees of “Academics in Solidarity” (AiS) are invited to apply for participation in the first **AiS Policy Workshop** to be held in Berlin on 9 October 2020. The workshop aims to bring together up to 12 participants to discuss policy relevant questions related to the following:

- continuing research in exile
- forced internationalization of research and higher education
- ensuring academic freedom
- post-war reconstruction of higher education and research systems
- doing field research in conflict and post-conflict environments
- academic dialog as a means of conflict transformation
- cross-regional cooperation with academic institutions in authoritarian regimes

Additional issues may be proposed by the applicants.

The one-day workshop will be used for an intensive exchange of ideas with an ultimate aim to produce policy briefs (4-5 pages) and/or joint policy reports (20-30 pages) on the suggested issues, to be published on the AiS website. Participants selected for the workshop and willing to write a policy brief or a policy report will be later invited to a follow-up training in policy analysis and policy advocacy. All costs related to the workshop and the follow-up training, including meals, accommodation and travel expenses, will be covered by the AiS. Should there still be travel restrictions in place in relation to the current pandemic, the workshop and the later training will be offered online.

How to apply

To apply, please send to us an **abstract** summarizing your proposed policy brief / policy report (250-300 words) by **15 June 2020**. The application should contain your name, current affiliation and contact information. Please also enclose your **academic CV**, indicating your mentee status with AiS. If applicable, you are also encouraged to submit a **joint proposal with your mentor**. Applications should be sent in **PDF format** to ais@fu-berlin.de with a subject line: Application – AiS Policy Workshop.

Provisional timeline

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 June 2020
Submission of extended summaries (1000 words): 15 September 2020
Policy workshop in Berlin: 9 October 2020
Follow-up policy training: mid-November 2020 (date tbc)
Submission of policy brief drafts: 15 January 2021
Submission of policy report drafts: 28 February 2021
Feedback & revisions: January-March 2021
Publication of policy briefs: February-March 2021
Publication of policy reports: April-May 2021