Dear Fellows and Friends of the Zukunftskolleg,

We closed our call for applications for the latest round of 2-year and 5-year Fellowships – but every end is a new beginning: We opened new calls for applications for several support measures. All postdoctoral researchers of the University of Konstanz are eligible to apply to these programmes.

This newsletter also presents you with the new members of our scientific advisory board and with what else is going on at the Zukunftskolleg.

With best wishes,
the Zukunftskolleg-Team

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The Zukunftskolleg has issued new calls for applications for several funding instruments. For the first time, all programmes are open to all postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz. Find all calls for applications [here](#).

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**Current Research Funding Opportunities at the Zukunftskolleg**

**The Investment Programme for Research** aims to improve apparatus and equipment in research. Participants can apply for apparatus requiring an outlay of between EUR 5,000 and EUR 10,000 for use in conducting their research. **Deadline: July 16, 2017.**

**The Mentorship Programme** enables postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz to network with distinguished colleagues both in Germany and abroad, and to maintain these contacts. **Deadline: September 30, 2017.**

**The Independent Research Grant** aims to promote independent research by researchers who are in the early stages of their postdoctoral work. The Zukunftskolleg invites applications for financial support of up to EUR 5,000 for projects that help the individual applicant attain scientific independence. **Deadline: September 30, 2017.**

**The Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects Programme** gives grant holders the opportunity to identify and explore new, innovative and/or risky research perspectives with neighbouring disciplines and across disciplines. **Deadline: September 30, 2017.**

**The Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching Programme** aims to promote the development of new teaching courses and expand departmental syllabi. It gives grant holders the opportunity to explore new, innovative topics in teaching and to further develop their teaching skills and teaching approach across disciplines. **Deadline: November 1, 2017.**

**The Intersectoral Cooperative Programme** aims to develop cooperations between junior researchers and the non-academic sector. Grants will be given to support cooperations that foster joint research projects with industrial partners, companies, social institutions, cultural institutions, archives, public bodies, or non-profit organisations. **Deadline: November 1, 2017.**

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Scientific
**New Formation of the Scientific Advisory Board**

The terms of office for Scientific Advisory Board members Andreas Barner (Boehringer-Ingelheim), Thomas Bräuninger (University of Mannheim), Bernard Frischer (University of Virginia), Joybrato Mukherjee (Justus-Liebig University of Gießen), and René Schwarzenbach (ETH Zurich) have ended.

We thank our departing members very much for their commitment and ideas for improving the Zukunftskolleg.

We welcome Alexandra Brand (Syngenta International, Basel), Michael Hannon (University of Birmingham), Thomas Hengartner (Collegium Helveticum, Zurich), Jean-Baptiste Joly (Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart), Manuela Nocker (Freie Universität Bozen) and Dagmar Schmieder (Kliniken Schmieder, Konstanz) as new members.

Along with Henrike Hartmann (Volkswagenstiftung, Hannover), Rainer Maria Kiesow (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris), and Dorothea Wagner (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology), they form the current Scientific Advisory Board.

The next meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board will take place on November 2 and 3, 2017.

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**Workshop: Popular Culture in the Arab World**

Popular culture has been playing an important role in shaping social and political processes, especially with the recent growing use of social media and digital communication that have become a stage for personal expression and an arena for power struggles, protests and repression. Throughout the 20th century, the Arab world has gone through important changes in reference to de-colonization, the emergence of national identities and economic liberalization, all of which were reflected in popular culture.

In recent years, these issues are raised in parallel with the political instability and are accompanied by an internal dialogue about the renewal of Arab culture and its characteristics.

The aim of the course is to introduce the audience to contemporary Arab popular culture in its variations and complexities, and to discuss theoretical and interpretive ideas to better understand it. More...

**From Monday, July 10 until Saturday, July 15, 2017**

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Tanja Rinker (Research Fellow/Dept. of Linguistics) is co-organising this workshop with Nadeem Karabi, Fellow of the Martin Buber Society at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
7. Forum Tiere und Geschichte

The 7th Forum on Animals and History at the University of Konstanz is organised by Nadir Weber (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology), Aline Steinbrecher (Associated Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) and Clemens Wischermann. More...

From Thursday, July 20
until Friday, July 21, 2017
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Workshop: The Possibility of Moral Community

Stefan Fischer (Associated Fellow/Dept. of Philosophy) organized a one-day workshop on moral philosophy with James Lenman (University of Sheffield/Philosophy) as main speaker. The workshop will focus on themes from Lenman's new book in the making and addresses normative and moral issues from an expressivist or Humean angle. More...

If you are interested in participating, please send an email including your institutional affiliation to stefan.fischer@uni-konstanz.de. The necessary details will be provided in due time after registration.

Friday, July 21, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 18:00 p.m.
University of Konstanz

The workshop is part of the Mentorship between Stefan Fischer and James Lenman which is funded by the Zukunftskolleg.

Executive Committee

Dennis Pingen (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Chemistry) has been elected as a new member of the Executive Committee.

He follows Daniela Poli (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Law).

See the current composition of the Executive Committee here.
Awards, Distinctions and Grants

Ariel Gutman (Associated Fellow until 2015/Linguistics) will be awarded the "Preis der Stadt Konstanz zur Förderung des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses an der Universität Konstanz", the prize of the city of Konstanz for the promotion of junior researchers at the University of Konstanz. Eleanor Coghill (Research Fellow until 2016/Linguistics) supervised his dissertation. Would you like to join the award ceremony on July 6?

Roxana Halbleib (Research Fellow/Economics) has been selected to take part in the Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences. More...

Oleksandra Kukharenko (Postdoctoral Fellow/Chemistry) has been awarded a Carl-Zeiss Postdoctoral Fellowship for two years starting September 1, 2017. More...

Dennis Pingen (Postdoctoral Fellow/Chemistry) won the science slam at the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft and is quite happy about his prize, a golden keyboard.

Leila Whitley (Postdoctoral Fellow/Literature) secured a grant worth 25,000 EUR from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada. She uses it for the launch of the critical feminist migration network - so it contributed to paying for field-leading scholars to attend an event that took place in Konstanz in June, and it will fund a second event to be hosted in Greece in October. She submitted the application along with Gada Mahrouse, Natalie Kouri-Towe and Anna Carastathis.

Careers

Starting July, Borbála Zsuzsanna Möller Török (Research Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) will take up a Lise Meitner position at the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies of the University of Vienna (Austria). She will be working in the project "Describe and Govern. Statistics and State Building in the Composite Habsburg States, 1770-1867".

Starting July, Barbara Hausmair (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) will work as postdoctoral researcher at Free University of Berlin, Institute for Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology. The project focuses on the archaeological research of the Nazi forced labour camp at Tempelhof Airport.