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Dear Friends and Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg,

First things first: We are happy to announce the opening of our 12th call for applications! We are offering three 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships and two 5-year Research Fellowships. For the first time, we are also advertising a 5-year Hector Pioneer Fellowship position in collaboration with the Hector Stiftung II. The deadline for all fellowship applications is June 13. As always, the central office of the Zukunftskolleg gladly is here to assist you in every possible way.

Moreover, we welcome you to the summer term 2017 with the announcement of the new **Jour Fixe Programme** and an invitation to the **Zukunftskolleg Lecture on May 4**, where former Scientific Advisory Board Member Shalini Randeria will talk about the politics of demographic fears all over the world. Save the date!

We are looking forward to seeing you and wish you a great start into the 2017 summer term!

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Zukunftskolleg Annual Report

Edition 2015/2016 is now available

The Annual Report of the Zukunftskolleg for the years 2015 and 2016 is now available and can be viewed in its digital version [here](#) (PDF).

For a printed copy, please contact zukunftskolleg-pr@uni-konstanz.de or stop by Y328 to pick one up.

We hope you will enjoy reading it!



Current Calls for Applications

Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Zukunftskolleg is offering three 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships. These fellowships are for all those in the early stage of their career who are planning to develop and implement an independent research project. The fellowships are open to researchers from all fields represented at the University of Konstanz.

For more information, please visit [our website](#) or view the [call text](#).



Research Fellowships

5-year Research Fellowships promote researchers with significant work experience at the postdoctoral level aiming for a career in academia. The Fellows build their own academic identity by leading an independent research group at the University of Konstanz. International experience in teaching or research is desirable and securing an external grant is required. These fellowships are open to researchers from all fields represented at the University of Konstanz. We are offering two Research Fellowships.

For more information, please visit [our website](#) or read the [call text](#).



Hector Pioneer Fellowships

The Hector Pioneer Fellowship is offered by the Zukunftskolleg in collaboration with the [Hector Stiftung II](#) and is dedicated to extraordinary post-doctoral researchers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields. The candidates' research ideally links up to the university's focus areas: "Chemical Biology and Ecology", "Molecular Nanotechnology and Materials Science", and "Decision Sciences". Interdisciplinary and innovative projects are expressly welcome.



The Zukunftskolleg is currently offering **one 5-year Hector Pioneer Fellowship**. It promotes researchers with significant work experience at the postdoctoral level aiming for a career in academia. Hector Fellows build their own academic identity by leading an independent research group at the University of Konstanz.

Please find more information on our [website](#) or in the [call text](#).



Events

Zukunftskolleg Lecture with Shalini Randeria: "Kinder statt Inder - The Politics of Demographic Fears in the Global South and North"

On a regular basis, the [Zukunftskolleg Lecture](#) honors excellent researchers who are closely related to and associated with the Zukunftskolleg. This time, we have invited Shalini Randeria, who was a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Zukunftskolleg from 2009 until 2012. She now is the [Rector of the Institute for Human Sciences \(IWM\)](#) in Vienna and [Research Director and Professor of Social Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies \(IHEID\)](#) in Geneva.

"Kinder statt Inder - The Politics of Demographic Fears in the Global North and South"

Thursday, May 4, 2017

18:00 - 19:30

A 704

In her lecture, Shalini Randeria will address the politics of demographic fears all over the world, which are entangled with the increasing strength of ethno-national identities. Find out more about her talk [here](#).





Jour Fixe during the summer term 2017

We are happy to welcome our Fellows to the **Jour Fixe Opening Event** for summer term 2017:

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

11:45 - 13:15

Y 311

Speaker: Giovanni Galizia

The Jour Fixe is the weekly interdisciplinary session of the Zukunftskolleg. It provides an opportunity for cooperation across disciplines, for discussion of work progress, and for promoting research at the university. The weekly meeting focuses on regular presentations of new projects and results of current projects, introducing of new junior research groups, as well as topical discussions and debates concerning higher education policies. The [Jour Fixe Programme](#) is available now.



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Joint Workshop with Collegium Helveticum: World Government or else?

[Attila Tanyi](#) organizes the first joint workshop of the Zukunftskolleg with the Collegium Helveticum in Zurich, Switzerland. Attila is both an Associated Fellow of the Zukunftskolleg and a Fellow of the Collegium Helveticum.

The world is encountering several global challenges: climate change, global injustice, and war particularly stand out. Some think that there is only one adequate answer to these challenges: to create a world state that governs the entire globe. This two-day workshop will examine the question whether we need a world government (and in what form), both from theoretical and from empirical angles. For more information and to register, please visit [our homepage](#).

June 13 (at Collegium Helveticum, Zurich) & June 14 (at Zukunftskolleg, Konstanz)

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The Book Club discusses "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver

Founded in spring 2015 at the initiative of Julia Boll (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Literature), the Zukunftskolleg Book Club meets about three times a year to read and discuss novels that look at scientific procedures that are at or beyond the fringes of the ethic conventions of science.

The interdisciplinary setup of both the Zukunftskolleg and its book club allows for exciting discussions that approach the leading question 'What may science do?' from many different angles and perspectives.

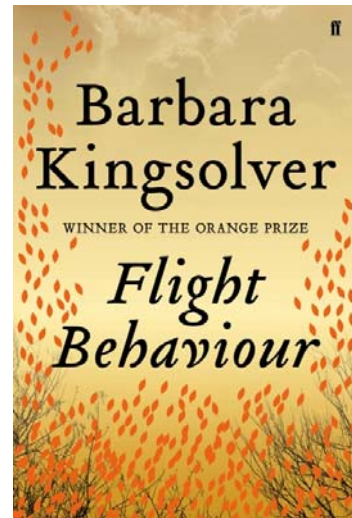
Please feel free to join the Book Club on

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

17:00

Y 329 (Zukunftskolleg Common Room)

See more information about [The Book Club](#) and the [title](#) that will be discussed.



People,
Careers, and
Changes

Decision on Bridge Fellowships

The Zukunftskolleg launched its 2nd Call for Applications for Bridge Fellowships in December 2016 and received 38 applications.

[Bridge Fellowships](#) aim to (1) to support new research initiatives at the university that are in the process of formation (e.g. collaborative research centers, research groups), (2) to enhance and advance areas of research at the university that are already strong by supporting postdoctoral researchers with distinctive and complementary expertise who can fill niches in ongoing projects, and (3) to support threatened foreign researchers by giving them the opportunity to be integrated into the German academic system.

We are happy to announce that Bridge Fellowships starting this month were awarded to

- **Maroussia Favre** (Dept. of Politics and Public Administration) - Project: Four Power Structures in Political Networks
- **Ezgi Pinar** (Dept. of Politics and Public Administration) - Project: Questioning the hegemonic potential of VET policies in Turkey
- **Özlem Savas** (Dept. of Literature) - Project: Migrant Experiences of Cosmopolitanism: Everyday Practices of Belonging and Citizenship on Social Media
- **Soohyun Um** (Dept. of Chemistry) - Project: A Study of Novel Antibiotic Secondary Metabolites from the Yeast-Like Symbionts of Anobiid Beetles
- **Keshun Zhang** (Dept. of Psychology) - Project: The Influence of Emotion on Trust



Alumni Career Paths Series

- **Daniele Brida** (Physics) has an Interim Professorship for Experimental Physics at the University of Konstanz during the summer term.

- **Benjamin Lambert** (Mathematics) obtained a 3-year postdoctoral position at University College London, which started in March.

- **Denis Seletskiy** (Physics) will start an Assistant Professorship in Engineering Physics at École Polytechnique de Montréal, Canada, in May.



We already drew your attention to our **Alumni Career Paths Series** in the last newsletter: This year, we highlight the career paths of some of our alumni. Since January 2017, we have been presenting a new story every two weeks. Recent stories feature [Laura Iapichino](#) (Assistant Professor for Mathematics at the University of Eindhoven), [Martin Bruder](#) (Head of Department „Civil Society-Level Development Cooperation“, German Institute for Development Evaluation, DEval) and [Karsten Rinke](#) (Head of Department of Lake Research, Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research, UFZ). Find more information on the project and all the stories [here](#).



Central Office

Our programme coordinator for internationalization, Daniela Kromrey, has been on parental leave since March. During her absence, you may contact the [Central Office](#) for questions concerning her field of work.

We wish Daniela Kromrey all the best!



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