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Research Network on Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America

Call for applications for

- Postdoctoral scholarships (2 years)
- Long-term doctoral scholarships for doctoral studies at the Freie Universität Berlin
- Short-term doctoral scholarships (6 months) for research stays at *desiguALdades.net*

The projects proposed by scholarship applicants shall explicitly address transregional dimensions and interdependencies of social inequalities in Latin America. The research concept of *desiguAldades.net* provides further orientation.

We specially welcome applications addressing the following topics:

- ñGlobalized Natureò Transnational asymmetries of power and access to natural resources (agro-business, mining, tourism).
- Theoretical and methodological contributions to the research of inequalities from a global/entangled perspective.
- Linkages between gender, class, regional and ethno-racial dimensions of inequalities; social inequalities and (post)colonial legacies.
- Interconnections between social inequalities and struggles for citizenship: activism of social movements, public spheres and social inequalities; distributive consequences of new politics of recognition; interdependencies between inequalities and law at local, national and global level.
- Latin America as a laboratory of interdependent welfare regimes: economic and social policies; institutions and social mobility in history and present.

Deadline of application: March, 18, 2011. Scholarships can start as early as May, 1, 2011.

desiguALdades.net is looking forward to applications from a broad spectrum of the social sciences participating in the network. The individual research projects should directly contribute to the research concept of the network. Applications made by researchers from outside Germany are especially welcome. The Freie Universität Berlin is an equal-opportunity employer. Women and persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants should reside in Berlin for the duration of the scholarship.

Please apply online at http://www.desiguALdades.net and additionally send all required documents (see below) as one single PDF-file to: contacto@desiguALdades.net. Only after receiving your documents in PDF-format, your application can be taken into consideration.

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About the Network

The objective of *desiguALdades.net* is to work towards a paradigmatic shift in the research on social inequalities in Latin America. The intersections of different types of social inequalities and the global interdependencies of local constellations of social inequalities beyond the nation-state are at the focus of analysis. In order to achieve this paradigmatic shift, researchers from different regions and various fields as well as experts on either issues on social inequalities or on Latin America will work together. The network character of *desiguALdades.net* is explicitly set up to overcome persisting hierarchies in knowledge production in social sciences by developing new forms of academic practices based on dialogue and mutual exchange between researchers from different regional and different disciplinary contexts.

The institutional core of the *desiguALdades.net* consists of four partners. The overarching responsibility for the research network rests with the Lateinamerika-Institut (LAI) and the Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI) as executive institutions. In addition, two other institutions with long experience in research and policy advice combined with an outstanding regional expertise on Latin America are integrated into the activities of the research network: the Deutsche Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE, German Development Institute) and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA, Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien). The executive secretary of *desiguALdades.net* is located at the LAI in Berlin.

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Scholarships for Postdocs (2 years)

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding doctoral/ PhD degree in social sciences not older than 5 years
- a research proposal contributing directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table, expected output and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV (in English or Spanish)
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- publication list
- summary of the dissertation (max. 2,000 words in English or Spanish)
- up to two published or unpublished papers related to the research concept of *desiguALdades.net* in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, or French
- letter of recommendation from an university professor (preferable from one of the researchers belonging to the research network, in English or Spanish)

Rationale of the postdoctoral scholarship:

- In the frame of a *desigualdades.net* scholarship, postdoctoral researchers are expected to carry out research which contributes to the research concept of the network and to produce one or more publications. Besides working on their own research project, Postdocs should actively engage in academic exchange with doctoral students and fellows of the network. They are expected to take an active part in the program and in the academic activities of *desiguALdades.net*
- The scholarship is max. ú 1,500 per month

Long-term Scholarships for Doctoral Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding academic degree (MA, MSc or equivalent) in social sciences not older than 3 years
- research proposal that contributes directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV (in English or Spanish)
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- Letter of recommendation from an university professor (in English or Spanish)

Rationale of the long-term scholarship:

- In the frame of a *desiguALdades.net* scholarship, doctoral students are expected to work on a dissertation project which contributes to the research concept of the network. They are expected to take an active part in the program and in the academic activities of *desiguALdades.net.*
- The scholarship is max. ú 1,300 per month

Short-term doctoral scholarships for research stays at *desiguALdades.net* (6 months)

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding academic degree in social sciences (MA, MSc or equivalent)
- research proposal that contributes directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America
- enrollment as a student in a PhD Program

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table, expected output and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV (in English or Spanish)
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- up to two published or unpublished papers related to the research concept in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, or French
- letter of recommendation from the PhD supervisor (in English or Spanish)

Rationale of the short-term scholarship:

- In the frame of a short-term research stay, advanced doctoral students should produce a paper which contributes to the research concept of the network. This could be a publication or a specific chapter of their dissertation. They are expected to take an active part in the program and in the academic activities of *desiguALdades.net.*
- The scholarship is max. ú 1,300 per month.