



The European PhD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies invites applications to the Doctoral Programme 2009 commencing on October 1st.

### **Sess.EuroPhD**

The European PhD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies, co-ordinated by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, is an international, interdisciplinary graduate programme cooperating with eight partner universities. After the completion of the programme the doctoral degree *Doctor Europaeus* is awarded.

### **Programme**

In line with the Bologna reforms, Sess.EuroPhD is designed for a period of three years of study. A preparatory phase of 6–12 months in the form of a *Preprogramme Academic Training* is optional, depending on the qualification levels of the individual applicants. An essential part of the curriculum is the experience gained through the study at partner universities abroad. PhD candidates are obliged to spend at least one semester as well as a shorter research stay of 4–6 weeks at other partner universities. Courses of the structured curriculum include Research Colloquia, Special Methods Seminars, Literature Review Seminars, courses on Research Design and Implementation, Project Seminars, and Annual Seminars, organized on a rotating basis by partner universities, that are dedicated to topics relevant to the socio-economic and statistical programme.

### **Research**

As dissertation projects seven major areas of research, to be pursued in an interdisciplinary approach, are favoured:

1. The interrelationship between economic and social structure
2. Processes of change of economic organisations and institutions
3. Markets understood as social structures and networks
4. Labour markets, employment, and conflict
5. Welfare state analysis and social security
6. Economic and social inequality and perceptions of social justice
7. Social ethics of the market in face of globalization

### **International Faculty**

More than 40 academic teachers of the eight partner universities and associated national research institutions share in teaching and supervising the doctoral students.

### **Funding**

Many of the participating universities award scholarships to candidates who have successfully applied. In Berlin, for example, doctoral students have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship for up to 36 months based on an annual assessment of their progress. In addition funding for teaching and research assistantships as well as first-year and write-up fellowships are given. Facilities such as office space and computer are provided to each candidate. Research travel grants and means for conference participation are normally provided. Language courses can be financed as well.

### **Admission**

Admission is based upon academic excellence and is open to students with an economic or social science background who meet the admission requirements of their home university. Candidates may be citizens of countries other than those of the partner universities. The application procedure is identical in all Sess.EuroPhD partner

universities. Applicants should decide at which university his or her research interests are represented best and should direct their application to the respective university. Candidates must have completed an academic education with above average results of a minimum of five years in the fields of social sciences or economics. They should meet the degree requirements equivalent to a Master of Arts as established by the respective national grant authorities or laid down in the guidelines of the respective university. The degree must be obtained by the beginning of the academic year they want to apply for. English proficiency at an academic level is assumed. The application deadline is March 31st for the following winter semester. Applicants who proceed to the second round of applications will be interviewed in late June. The deadline might vary depending on the university applied to. Hence the deadline should be checked with the respective contact person. For admission details go to [www.europhd.org/admission](http://www.europhd.org/admission) where you can submit your application electronically.

### **Network**

The following partner universities are currently admitting and tutoring Sess.EuroPhD candidates:

#### **Universitat de Barcelona**

Facultad de Ciencias Economicas y Empresariales

#### **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences

#### **Université Libre de Bruxelles**

Faculté des Sciences Sociales et Politiques, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

#### **University of Haifa**

Faculty of Social Sciences

#### **Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille**

U.F.R. de Géographie et d'Aménagement

#### **Sapienza Università di Roma**

Facoltà di Economia, Facoltà di Sociologia, Facoltà di Scienze Statistiche

#### **University of Southampton**

School of Social Sciences

#### **University of Tampere**

Faculty of Economics and Administration

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