



# SEVEN DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

within the framework of the doctoral program  
“Democracy under Stress”

promoted by the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony

Leuphana University of Lüneburg, foundation under public law, fosters the development of junior scientific staff. For this purpose, a total of 14 doctoral scholarships will be awarded – subject to the promise of funds - within the framework of the doctoral program “Democracy under Stress” promoted by the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony.

In a first step **seven doctoral scholarships** (among them five Georg-Christoph-Lichtenberg-scholarships) should be occupied by **01.10.2016**.

The invitation to apply for a scholarship is targeted at extraordinarily qualified young academics from political science and its neighboring disciplines, including sociology, psychology as well as environmental and media studies and law. Candidates have to be admitted to a doctorate by Leuphana University of Lüneburg and registered in the doctoral studies with the beginning of the doctoral scholarship. This is a formal and fundamental prerequisite to receive the doctoral scholarship.

The scholarships will initially be awarded for one year. Sufficient progress provided, the scholarships can then be extended upon request, adding up to a maximum of three years. Periods with alternative financial support prior to the scholarship will be taken into account, including periods of employment to conduct a PhD research project. No scholarship may be awarded to candidates who have already earned a doctoral degree.

The scholarship is - subject to the promise of funds - worth € 1,400 monthly plus € 100 for material resources. Besides working on the doctorate, additional occupational activities must not exceed eight hours per week in yearly average. Income from scientific activities below € 6,000 per year, as well as revenue from property are not taken into account. Income from non-scientific activities will be credited against the basic amount of the scholarship.

The prospective scholarship recipient is requested to conduct a dissertation project within the framework of the doctoral program “Democracy under Stress” at Leuphana University of Lüneburg. In addition, the scholarship requires a continuous and active participation in the program of study and the research colloquium. The prospective scholarship beneficiary is expected to have his or her place of residence in the region of Lüneburg/Hamburg.

Upon application, candidates should provide evidence of the following set of credentials:

- above-average university degree (M.A. or equivalent) in political science or a neighboring discipline / studies related to the spectrum of the engaged disciplines in the doctoral program



- interest in both theoretical and empirical questions on democracy research as well as active participation in the doctoral program
- excellent knowledge of English

For further technical questions, please contact the chairpersons Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel ([muero@uni.leuphana.de](mailto:muero@uni.leuphana.de)) and Prof. Dr. Marion Reiser ([marion.reiser@uni.leuphana.de](mailto:marion.reiser@uni.leuphana.de)).

You will find detailed information about the doctoral program “Democracy under Stress” on our webpage: <http://www.leuphana.de/en/research-centers/zdemo-english/doctoral-program-democracy-under-stress.html>

The doctoral guidelines of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences detail the entrance requirements to pursue a doctoral degree at Leuphana University of Lüneburg. You will find the guidelines as well as further information about the doctoral studies and the doctoral research group on the following website: <http://www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/doctorate.html>

In case of a positive decision, you will find the application for the doctoral degree proceedings on the website of Leuphana University of Lüneburg: <http://www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/doctorate/application/application-material.html>

You will find the regulation concerning the award of scholarships in the download area of the Graduate School: <http://www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/information-material.html>

Please send your application as a pdf document (**only one attachment including all enclosures**) marked **“Doctoral Scholarship Democracy under Stress”** via electronic mail, including the following documents:

- outline of the envisaged PhD project including time schedule and work plan (ca. 2,500 words)
- letter of motivation
- CV including your previous research activities and study courses
- relevant university degree certificates and transcripts of record (German or English, for other languages please submit an officially certified copy)
- relevant job references (scientific activities e.g.)

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**Application deadline: 12.06.2016**