

IRTG 1864: Diversity – Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces

The International Research Training Group (IRTG) “Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Space”, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), accepts applications for

10 doctoral research positions (TVL 13, 50%) over the period of 3 years

Starting Date: 1st April 2013

Application Deadline: 31st December 2012

The International Research Training Group (IRTG) “Diversity” is a joint doctoral education program of the University of Trier, Saarland University and the Université de Montréal.

The IRTG “Diversity” proposes an innovative research program in the contested fields of diversity, multiculturalism, and transnationalism by examining paradigmatic changes and historical transformations in interpreting multicultural realities in North America (Québec and Canada in particular) and Europe (Germany and France in particular) since the 18th century. Focusing on dynamic processes that engender diversity, its analytical framework offers new perspectives for transnational and area studies as well as cross-cultural research. Through the transversal analytic lenses of *politics, practices, and narratives*, the IRTG investigates the mediation and translation of cultural differences in micro-, meso- and macro-level empirical constellations with a special focus on the sliding-scaled spatial zones of Montréal-Québec-Canada-North America and of the Saar-Lor-Lux region – Germany/France – Europe.

The three-year research-oriented curriculum, based on regular meetings of the doctoral students and the researchers, including intensive summer and winter schools, a dissertation workshop with external experts, a mid-term international conference, and internships in business, public administration, the media, etc. will provide doctoral students the competencies to participate as leading actors in the vibrant international debate on the social, cultural and political linkages between people, places and institutions crossing nation-state borders and creating local places of diversity.

The IRTG invites the application of highly qualified applicants from diverse fields, including history, political science, literature (Francophone and Anglophone Canadian literature), linguistics, intercultural communication and media studies, philosophy, sociology/cultural anthropology, gender studies and human geography.

The IRTG will be situated at the University of Trier. Doctoral researchers are provided office space and access to the research facilities of the participating universities. Applications can be submitted in one of the three languages of the International Research Training Group: German, French and English (USA).

Applications are due 31st December 2012 and should include the following:

- statement of purpose (no longer than three pages)
- outline of dissertation
- curriculum vitae
- two recent letters of reference
- copies of earned degrees (including copy of higher education entrance qualification)
- proof of language skills (English, French, German)
- writing sample (preferably the MA thesis)
- data survey questionnaire

Candidates with severe disabilities will be given priority in case their qualification level is the same as that of other applicants.

For further information about the IRTG "Diversity" please consult our website at www.diversity.uni-trier.de

Please send your applications via e-mail (subject: IRTG Diversity) to:

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Please include all application material in one pdf or zip-file.