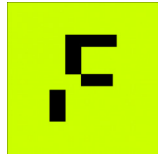


**Freie Universität Berlin - Fachbereich Politik- und Sozialwissenschaften -  
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„Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)“**



The Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)" is an interdisciplinary research consortium that investigates the global deepening of contestations surrounding liberal models of society and their resilience. Since 2019, SCRIPTS has been funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) under Germany's Excellence Strategy (Exzellenzstrategie) initiated by the federal and state governments. Headquartered at Freie Universität Berlin, the Cluster unites excellent research from six research institutions. It collaborates with partners across all world regions. The "Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS)" is the full-time PhD programme of the Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)". The BGTS offers a rigorous and dynamic English-language PhD programme for exceptionally talented and motivated graduate students in the field of global and transregional studies, bringing together a broad spectrum of disciplines and methodological approaches. The selection is done according to the SCRIPTS Diversity Rules & Guidelines: [https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/about-us/Diversity/Diversity\\_Rules\\_Guidelines/index.html](https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/about-us/Diversity/Diversity_Rules_Guidelines/index.html)

**Research assistant (praedoc) (m/f/d) of BGTS**

3 positions with 75% part-time job limited to 3 years

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): At the earliest possible; Duration: befristet auf 3 Jahre; Remuneration: Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L FU; Reference number: SCRIPTS\_BGTS\_202

**Working field**

**Job description:**

The PhD students are expected to conduct independent research and to write a doctoral thesis. The successful candidates will be supervised by a senior scholar at the BGTS, depending on the research focus of their proposal. Applicants should also familiarise themselves with the research interests of BGTS faculty members and indicate one or several potential supervisors in their application.

The three-year English language doctoral programme at the BGTS provides state-of-the-art theory classes, solid training in research methods and research design, soft skills courses, and individual supervision. The programme focuses on contemporary contestations of the liberal script from historical, global, and comparative perspectives with a particular interest in global and transregional processes. Apart from social science approaches, we explicitly encourage students of area studies, gender studies, history, philosophy, and education studies to submit their proposals. Research at the BGTS focuses on the structures, risks, and opportunities of cross-regional interaction at various levels. PhD researchers with excellent university degrees should be knowledgeable regarding the various theoretical and methodological approaches in the disciplines relevant to the cluster. They should be open to interdisciplinary collaboration. We also expect excellent command of English in writing and speaking.

## Requirements

Requirements:

- Master's degree, qualifying for PhD studies in the social sciences, history, economics, law, or area studies

Desirable:

- English skills at the C1 level (please see <https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/birt/bgts/bgts-application/index.html> for the specific requirements)
- Knowledge of various theoretical and methodological approaches in the relevant disciplines
- A research project relevant to SCRIPTS, presented in a project proposal to be included with the application
- Openness to interdisciplinary collaboration

## Application

Required Documents (in German or English):

- CV including the most relevant academic experiences and certifications of at least Bachelor's and Master's degree qualifying for PhD studies in the relevant disciplines;
- proof of C1-level English language skills or the equivalent (please refer to the BGTS website for the accepted proofs of language proficiency: <https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/birt/bgts/bgts-application/index.html>);
- letter of motivation (600 words maximum);
- research proposal (5000 words maximum) with a timeline for your project;
- two academic letters of reference

Please check <https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/birt/bgts/index.html> for the exact specifications on the required documents, current updates on the application process and the link to the official application platform for the 2025/2026 intake.

Applications must be uploaded via the BGTS application portal at: <https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/birt/bgts/bgts-application/index.html>. The application deadline is announced and updated on the BGTS website.

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Applications should be sent by e-mail, together with significant documents, indicating the reference code, no later than January 15th, 2025 in PDF format (preferably as one document) to Prof. Dr. Diana Panke: [birt@scripts-berlin.eu](mailto:birt@scripts-berlin.eu) or postal to

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