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Call for Application: First International Meeting of the Young Weber Scholars – Max-Weber-Network

Rationale

In a joint effort, the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Hamburg Institute for Social Research, and the University of Bremen will fund a constitutive meeting of a network of young scholars in the humanities who share an interest in the work and intellectual tradition of Max Weber's sociology (1864-1920). We perceive a renewed interest in it in various fields of social sciences, both within Germany and internationally and want to support this tendency by allowing future cooperation among younger scholars across disciplinary boundaries.

We suggest a three-day meeting (afternoon, full-day, morning) with a twofold purpose. The first is to have a constitutive meeting of an informal network of around 20 predominantly younger scholars from different corners of the world interested in the sociology, political and economic theory of Max Weber. This meeting shall enable this network to define shared interests more closely and to discuss future plans.

The second purpose is to use this first meeting for a discussion of the value of Max Weber's methodology for contemporary social and cultural sciences. For that end we designed a program for this first meeting in Hamburg.

When and where?

Hamburg, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Mittelweg 36, 20146-Hamburg

What we offer:

This first meeting will have the character of a forum to allow for the establishment of mutual acquaintance and future cooperation. In addition, senior scholars will give inputs about their thinking about Weber's methodology for contemporary social research.

Participants will be granted lunch and dinner during the meeting and – if necessary – a support for travel and accommodation expenses. We expect to support around 20 participants, so we are only able to grant a lump-sum support.

How to apply:

Applicants should send in a short statement (1-2 pages) about their interest in Weber's work and future plans of how to engage with such a network (both forms and content). Please send this statement and your CV to Claudia Herold, secretary at University of Bremen, **till May 31, 2017**: (herold(at)uni-bremen.de). Please, add whether you need a support with the travel and accommodation expenses by the organization team. Please note that all written and oral communication for this meeting can be in either English or German.

Preliminary Program
(Presentations in German or English)

DAY ONE – November 29
14-17h
Young Weber Scholars Network
Short presentations

Public Evening Lecture, 18-20h
Max Weber as Global Comparativist (Title Tbc)
George Steinmetz (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Joint dinner

DAY TWO – November 30
4 Presentations (9-16h)

Max Weber – ein Eurozentriker?
Wolfgang Knöbl (HIS, Hamburg)

Max Weber und die historische Empirie
Edith Hanke (BAW, München)

Lunch break

Max Webers Logic of Explanation
Klaus Schlichte (University of Bremen)

Der Begriff des Idealtypus
Claudius Härpfer (University of Frankfurt/M.)

Boat trip or joint dinner

DAY THREE – December 1

A network that goes beyond networking: breaking barriers, deepening knowledge and forging bonds worldwide through the work and legacy of Max Weber

Organizing the network, 9-11h
Moderator: Victor Strazzeri

Future plans and themes, 11-12h
Moderator: Claudius Härpfer

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