Research in Germany

Political Science Research in Germany is conducted at universities and non-university research institutes. Almost all German universities have their own department in the field. Among the non-university research institutes, mainly the Leibniz Association (basic and applied research) and the Max Planck Society (basic research) maintain research institutes with a focus on political science. Universities and non-university research institutes both offer graduate training programmes in the field, funded by the government. There also exist private and public foundations that support research in Germany, for example the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH). The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) supports research training groups, large research consortia, and individual research projects. This poster provides a selection of DFG-funded research and non-university research institutes.

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  - Speaker: Michael Zürn, Berlin
  - Contact: www.ims.fsw.uni-bielefeld.de/en/research/osaic
- **International Public Administration. The Emergence and Development of Administrative Systems in a Globalized World (IPAS)**
  - Speaker: Stefan Traub, Hamburg
  - Contact: www.ipas-giga.de/en
- **Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)**
  - Speaker: Thomas Dohmen, Andreas Schabert, Köln/Bonn
  - Contact: www.mmg.mpg.de

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**Research units (FOR, Forschungsgemeinschaft)**

- **Research unit for the Social Sciences (Sonderforschungsbereiche; SFB)**
  - Speaker: Thomas König, Mannheim
  - Contact: www.socialpolicydynamics.de/en

**Societies and Associations**

- **German Political Science Association (GPA)**
  - Contact: gpa@uni-bremen.de
- **Graduate Schools in Political Sciences (Graduiertenkollegs; GRK)**
  - Contact: www.uni-bremen.de/graduiertenkollegs

**Graduate Training at non-university Research Institutions**

- **International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS)**
  - Contact: www.imprs.mpifg.de
- **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)**
  - Contact: www.mpi-sociology.mpg.de

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