

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER UNIVERSITY

‘Urbin Urbin: Urban Institutions, Urban Inequalities’ Institutional inequalities in comparative perspective

Humboldt University at Berlin in collaboration with University of Vienna, Center for Metropolitan Studies/University of Sao Paulo and Princeton University invite applications for up to **25 places** on our Summer University, to be held in Berlin from 24 June to 8 July 2017.

SCHOOL THEMES AND AIMS

Urbin Urbin is a collaborative effort to develop an in-depth understanding of the role of everyday practices related to urban institutions to produce, reproduce or challenge urban inequalities between residents of various neighbourhoods in the city. The KOSMOS Summer School aims to provide an intensive training- and learning setting for doctoral students (Nachwuchswissenschaftler) during a two-week program. The School has the following broad aims

- Comparatively identify the role of institutions for daily construction of urban inequalities through the method of sharing existing research findings
- Compare research findings and advance theoretical knowledge with regard to institutions, space, time, capital
- Explore the empirical strengths of ‘spatial profit’ as concept through the method of comparing theoretical frameworks between the partners
- Study how relations between institutional agents and their publics generate resources and/or conflicts in various neighbourhoods under various welfare regimes
- Sharpen methodological skills of doctoral students through methods clinics

Lectures will cover topics cutting across these themes considering the theory and practice of comparison, linking theory and method, and providing insights into quantitative and ethnographic methods. Classes will focus on the global North and global South. Special attention will be paid to our host city, Berlin, and to the cities of the partners.

FORMAT

The School provides younger scholars with an opportunity to learn from established scholars, from diverse disciplines and parts of the world, through both formal classes and informal interaction. The School will also help younger scholars to present, discuss and prepare for publication their own work. Sessions and social activities will be spread across twelve days. Sessions will typically comprise presentations by senior scholars, discussions, and student presentations. Participants will work on

collaborative projects during the summer school. Participants will be required to prepare in advance and complete assignments during the School. Participants will receive an e-reader with the syllabus well in advance. The language of the School will be English.

Financial support for students from abroad for airline and accommodation will be available. All participants are expected to attend all parts of the program in order to qualify for funding.

SCHOLARS

Confirmed scholars engaged in the summer school include: Prof Dr Talja Blokland (Humboldt, Berlin), Dr. Andrej Holm (Humboldt, Berlin) Prof Dr Yuri Kazepov (University of Vienna), Prof Dr Gabriel Feltran. (Center for Metropolitan Studis/USP/UFSCar), Prof Dr Mitch Duneier, (Princeton University), and Prof Dr Ilse Helbrecht (Humboldt, Berlin).

REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Eligible are PhD students enrolled in one of the participating universities, who are writing a dissertation in urban studies, urban sociology, migration sociology or the sociology of inequality and related disciplines.

Students should send:

1. a CV (2 page max)
2. a description of their research project, including research question and methods (1.5 page max)
3. A letter of motivation which explains how their research topic relates to the summer school, how their work will benefit from participating and also how others will benefit from their presence (1.5 pages)

The deadline for applications is Monday 5th September 2016. Applications should be send to henrik.schultze@sowi.hu-berlin.de