

## Degrees and courses

### MA/MRes Studentship at the Institute for German Studies, University of Birmingham

The Institute for German Studies at the University of Birmingham is seeking to support a one-year MA studentship in the context of the DAAD-funded project: (Not) Made in Germany: Imagining Germany From the Outside (details below).

The successful candidate will complete either the **MRes in Modern Languages** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/combined/lang/modern-languages.aspx>) or **MA in Political Science** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/political-science.aspx#CourseOverviewTab>), with a dissertation on a topic related to the '(Not) Made in Germany' initiative. He or she will be expected to provide administrative and research support to the project team. The studentship will cover tuition fees at UK/EU rate. Supervision will be provided by the most appropriate member(s) of the research team. **The studentship will commence in October 2015 and continue for one year.**

The successful candidate will hold a good BA or equivalent in a relevant topic and meet all other entry requirements for our Masters programmes. Applicants will be expected to possess a good knowledge of German (B2 or above on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Prospective candidates should send a CV and dissertation outline (no more than 1 side of A4) indicating their fit with the project to: Dr Nicholas Martin ([n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk](mailto:n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk>)). **The deadline for applications is 31 March 2015.** Informal enquiries prior to full applications are welcomed.

For further information on the Institute for German Studies see: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs) (<http://www.igs.bham.ac.uk>).

#### **(Not) Made in Germany: Imagining Germany from the Outside (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/research/projects/from-the-outside.aspx)**

The Masters student assisting on the project will produce a dissertation broadly in the area of external perspectives on Germany with a focus on one or more of the core research strands. Subject to peer review, the dissertation may be published in revised form in a special journal issue emerging from the network. He or she will also benefit from interaction and engagement with the international group of experts involved in the network and will gain practical experience and skills through assisting in the administration and management of the project.

### PhD Studentship at the Institute for German Studies, University of Birmingham

The Institute for German Studies (IGS) at the University of Birmingham is seeking to support a three-year PhD Studentship in the context of the DAAD-funded project: '(Not) Made in Germany: Imagining Germany from the Outside'.

The successful candidate will complete a doctoral thesis on a topic related to the project and will provide administrative and research support to the project team. Opportunities to teach may become available in the second and final years of the doctoral studentship. The stipend attached to the studentship will be at the level determined by the UK Research Councils (currently a maintenance allowance of £14,921 per annum, plus UK/EU fees of £4,301 per annum). Supervision will be provided by the most appropriate member(s) of the project research team. **The studentship will commence on 01 March 2015 and continue for three years.**

The successful candidate will hold an MA or equivalent in a relevant discipline. Fluency in German would be an asset.

Prospective candidates should send a CV and research outline (no more than 2 sides of A4) indicating their fit with the project to: Dr Nicholas Martin ([n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk](mailto:n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk>)). **The deadline for applications is 15 December 2014.** Informal enquiries prior to full applications are welcome. For further information on the Institute for German Studies, see [www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs) (<http://www.igs.bham.ac.uk>).

#### **(Not) Made in Germany: Imagining Germany from the Outside (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/research/projects/from-the-outside.aspx)**

The project research assistant will write a PhD thesis on the topic of imagining Germany from the outside with a focus on one or more of the core research strands (economics, politics, education, history, and culture). S/he will be supervised by appropriate members of the core research group, depending on the precise focus of the research thesis, and s/he will also benefit from interaction and engagement with the international group of experts involved in the network.

### Postdoctoral work at the IGS

The Institute is happy to support applications from excellent postdoctoral candidates where there is a clear research link to the Institute in joint applications for **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships** (<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm>), Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship (IIF) and Intra-European Fellowship (IEF) awards, **Newton International Fellowships** (<http://www.newtonfellowships.org/>), and in some cases **Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships** ([http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/early\\_career\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/early_career_fellowships/)).

Please contact Dr Sara Jones for advice and with any queries you may have. Email: [s.jones1@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.jones1@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:s.jones1@bham.ac.uk>), for advice and with initial queries.

### Postgraduate research

The IGS is linked to the **Graduate Centre for Europe** ([/research/activity/gcfe/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/gcfe/index.aspx)) at Birmingham. We welcome applications from candidates from the UK and abroad with a relevant Masters and / or good undergraduate degree, or equivalent qualifications. While knowledge of the German language is not a prerequisite for entry, some level of competence or the potential to gain an adequate level of competence is desirable.

There is no fixed deadline for admissions and applications are welcome at any time during the year up to 15 August for entry the following October.

**In the first instance you are welcome to contact Dr Sara Jones for advice and with any queries you may have Email: [s.jones1@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.jones1@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:s.jones1@bham.ac.uk>).**

Application forms should be clearly marked "Institute for German Studies" on the front page. All supporting documentation as listed in the University application form must be provided, as well as a research proposal. The proposal should be limited to 2,000 words and must contain the following information:

- Clear definition of the project and research questions: what is the project about?
- The relationship of the proposed research to existing scholarship: how is this research original?
- Reference (where appropriate) to possible theoretical frameworks for conducting the research
- Details of proposed fieldwork and methodology: how will the research be conducted?

- A broad outline of the envisaged time-scale for the research.

Further information, including details of tuition costs, is available via the [POLSIS departmental website \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/doctoral-research.aspx\)](#); the IGS is also linked to the [Graduate Centre for Europe \(/research/activity/gcfe/index.aspx\)](#).

Information on Master's degrees is available from:

- [Political Science and International Studies \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/masters.aspx\)](#)
- [German Studies \(/schools/lcahm/departments/german/postgraduate/index.aspx\)](#)

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