

Call for Applications
Visiting Fellowships 2021/22

“Social worlds: China’s cities as spaces of worldmaking”

Application deadline: January 24, 2021

Against a backdrop of global political power shifts and faced with the environmental crisis and social injustice, the Joint Center for Advanced Studies “Worldmaking from a Global Perspective: A Dialogue with China” explores existing notions of “world” and approaches to worldmaking from transnational and transcultural perspectives. The Center is jointly organized by researchers at universities in Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg, Munich, and Würzburg. It is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

In order to promote knowledge exchange, dialogue, and cooperation between Chinese and German scholars, the Center has established a visiting fellowship program. The program provides several short-term fellowships at the Center’s partner institutions.

Within the framework of the Center, the project **“Social worlds: China’s cities as spaces of worldmaking”**, located in Berlin (Prof. Dr. Elena Meyer-Clement) and conducted in cooperation with Würzburg (Prof. Dr. Björn Alpermann), investigates the political and societal effects of globalization in China’s cities. It analyses China’s urban governance from a global perspective as well as social interaction and communication processes among different groups of actors forming social worlds. Freie Universität Berlin is looking for applications for fellowships with research topics that contribute to this broader endeavor, addressing a relevant theme or sub-topic within this framework.

About the fellowships:

This call invites applications for visiting fellowships in 2021 and 2022. The Center will be able to grant up to two fellowships for 1 to 3 months per year for internationally renowned scholars with a Chinese (or Hong Kong/Taiwanese) university background. The exact beginning and end of the fellows’ stays are flexible and can be negotiated with the universities. Ideally, visiting fellows would team up with colleagues at Freie Universität Berlin or the University of Würzburg.

The visiting fellowship comprises a monthly stipend of € 3.170 during the stay at Freie Universität Berlin and/or University of Würzburg (plus family supplements, depending on personal circumstances). Additionally, international travel costs of max. € 1.300 and national travel costs for travels to other locations of the Center during the stay in Germany will be funded.

About the application:

Visiting fellowship applications are open to all senior scholars with Chinese (or Hong Kong/Taiwanese) university background (professors and postdocs). The project **“Social worlds:**

China's cities as spaces of worldmaking" is open to all fields in the humanities and social sciences but particularly encourages applications from the following fields: urbanization, urban governance, urban sociology, population politics, and/or globalization.

All applications should be submitted electronically in one PDF-file to: Ms. Susanne Ebermann: susanne.ebermann@fu-berlin.de

Application materials include:

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae including a list of publications
- Project outline (1 page)
- Preferred time and duration of your stay at Freie Universität Berlin/University of Würzburg

The diversity of our project should also be reflected in the fellowships. We therefore welcome applicants irrespective of their cultural and social background, age, religion, world view, disabilities or sexual identity.

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee at the end of January. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection process in February.

While we are still closely monitoring the ongoing implications of the coronavirus pandemic on the safety and mobility of people, we would like to pursue the fellowships as announced in this call.

In case of any questions, please contact Ms. Susanne Ebermann (email: susanne.ebermann@fu-berlin.de).