



Research in Germany - Economics and Business Administration -



Economics and Business Administration in Germany is conducted at universities and non-university research institutes. Almost all universities host an own department in the field. On the non-university side mainly the Leibniz Association and the Max Planck Society maintain economic research institutes. Universities and non-university research institutes both offer graduate training programmes in the field, funded by the government. In addition, the 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.

COORDINATED PROGRAMMES FUNDED BY THE DFG

Collaborative Research Centres (CRC) [Sonderforschungsbereiche; SFB]

- established at a single university (standard CRC) or by multiple nearly equal partners (Transregio variation, up to 3 sites)
- present outstanding research programmes, crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties
- research programme must correspond to and strengthen the research profile of host university(ies)
- may also incorporate projects at further (research) institutions (both academic and commercial, inside or outside Germany)
- funded by the DFG for a period of up to 12 years (3 four-year periods)

The following CRCs are currently funded in economic sciences:

- "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" (CRC 1342), funded since 2017
speaker: Herbert Obinger, Bremen
contact: www.socialpolicydynamics.de/en
- "Statistical Modelling of Nonlinear Dynamic Processes" (CRC 823), funded since 2009
speaker: Volker Krämer, Darmstadt
contact: www.statistik.tu-darmstadt.de/sfb823.html
- "Political Economy of Reforms" (CRC 884), funded since 2010
speaker: Thomas König, Mannheim
contact: <https://relormis.uni-mannheim.de/>

Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios (TRR) [SFB/Transregio; TRR]

The following CRC/Transregios are currently funded in economic sciences:

- "Rationality and Competition: The Economic Performance of Individuals and Firms" (TRR 190), funded since 2017
speaker: Klaus Schmidt, Munich; partner universities/institutions in Berlin
contact: <https://rationality-and-competition.de/>
- "Economic Perspectives on Societal Challenges: Equality of Opportunity, Market Regulation, and Financial Stability" (TRR 224), funded since 2017
speaker: Sven Rady, Bonn; partner universities/institutions in Mannheim
contact: www.crc224.de/en
- "Accounting for Transparency" (TRR 264), funded since 2019
speaker: Caren Sureth-Sloane, Paderborn; partner universities/institutions in Mannheim and Berlin
contact: <https://accounting-for-transparency.de/>

Centres for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (FOR)

[Kollegforschungsgruppen; FOR]

- created to collaborate for the purpose of further developing a research topic in the humanities and social sciences in a certain location
- intensive independent research usually performed by 2-3 responsible researchers
- including a fellow programme for visiting researchers from Germany and abroad
- usually funded by the DFG for a period of up to 8 years

Currently the following Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences is or strongly related to economic sciences is funded:

- "Foundations of Law and Finance" (FOR 2774), funded since 2018
speaker: Tobias Tigger, Frankfurt
contact: www.lawfin.uni-frankfurt.de/

Research Units (FOR) [Forschungsgruppen; FOR, not displayed]

- specific medium-term research projects whose anticipated findings would not be able to be achieved within the scope of the individual grants programme but only by a coordinated effort
- proposals can be submitted to the DFG at any time, decision is made in a two-step process
- funded by the DFG up to 6 years (2 three-year periods)

Currently the following Research Units in or strongly related to economic sciences are funded:

- "Organized Creativity - Practices for Inducing and Coping with Uncertainty" (FOR 2161), funded since 2015
speaker: Jörg Sydow, Berlin
contact: www.wiwiwiss.fu-berlin.de/forschung/organized-creativity/index.html
- "Marketing of Hedonic Media Products in the Age of Digital Social Media" (FOR 1452), funded since 2014
speaker: Henrik Sattler, Hamburg
contact: www.bwl.uni-hamburg.de/en/fg1452.html
- "Psychoeconomics: Interacting Decision Processes and Their Consequences for Economic Performance" (FOR 1882), funded since 2012
speaker: Anja Achtziger, Friedrichshafen
contact: www.zu.de/lehstuehle/swp/dfg_psychoecon_index.php

Priority Programmes (SPP) [Schwerpunktprogramme; SPP, not displayed]

- large research networks to unite research capacity all over Germany in an emerging field or a field expected to yield major breakthroughs in the near future
- fields chosen once a year by the DFG's Senate from proposals by scientists of all research disciplines
- enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields
- added value through interdisciplinary cooperation and networking
- at the beginning and after three years of funding, a call is launched to all scientists who want to contribute with a project to the given field of research
- usually funded for 6 years by the DFG (e.g. 2 three-year periods)

Currently the following Priority Programmes in or strongly related to economic sciences are funded:

- "Experience and Expectation: Historical Foundations of Economic Behaviour" (SPP 1859), funded since 2015
coordinator: Alexander Nützenadel, Berlin
contact: www.experience-expectation.de/
- "The German Labor Market in a Globalized World: Challenges through Trade, Technology, and Demographics" (SPP 1764), funded since 2014
coordinator: Bernd Fitzenberger, Berlin
contact: <https://kooperationen.zew.de/dlg1764/home.html>
- "Financial Market Imperfections and Macroeconomic Performance" (SPP 1578), funded since 2012
coordinator: Tam Krebs, Mannheim
contact: www.wvl.uni-mannheim.de/dlg-spp1578/
- "Education as a Lifelong Process: Analysing Data of the National Educational Panel Study (NEPS)" (SPP 1646), funded since 2012
coordinator: Sabine Weinert, Bamberg
contact: <https://spp1646.neps-data.de/>

CLUSTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Clusters of Excellence (EXC) [Exzellenzcluster; EXC]

- launched by the German government in order to boost excellent research through additional funds
- project-based funding in internationally competitive fields of research at universities or university consortia
- often include doctoral training programmes
- DFG is responsible for developing and implementing this funding line

The following EXC have a strong focus in economic sciences:

- "ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy" (EXC 2126), funded since 2019
speakers: Thomas Dahmen, Andreas Schabert, Cologne/Bonn
contact: <https://selten.institute/econtribute/>
- "The Politics of Inequality: Perceptions, Participation and Policies" (EXC 2035), funded since 2019
speaker: Marius Busemeyer, Konstanz
contact: www.exc.uni-konstanz.de/en/inequality/

GRADUATE TRAINING FUNDED BY THE DFG

Research Training Groups (RTG) [Graduiertenkollegs; GRK]

- established at universities
- may have foreign partner(s) – International Research Training Groups
- promote young researchers: doctoral training within the framework of a focused research programme and a structured training strategy
- encourage early scientific independence
- high demand for this funding programme, since it permits doctoral students to work on a family of related thesis topics, thereby encouraging fruitful discussions and collaboration between them
- supported by the DFG for up to 9 years (2 four-and-a-half-year periods)

Currently the following RTGs in or strongly related to economic sciences are funded:

- "The Macroeconomics of Inequality" (RTG 2281), funded since 2017
speaker: Christian Bayer, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
contact: www.rtg-macroinequality.de
- "Competition Economics" (RTG 1974), funded since 2014
speaker: Hans-Theo Normann, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
contact: www.dice.hhu.de/en/phd-programme/graduate-programme-competition-economics-dfg-grk-1974.html
- "Globalization and Development" (RTG 1723), funded since 2012
speaker: Kristine Kis-Katos, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, partner university in Hannover
contact: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/549824.html
- "Advanced Optimization in a Networked Economy (AdONE)" (RTG 2201), funded since 2016
speaker: Andreas S. Schulz, Technische Universität München
contact: www.gstum.de/adone/start/
- "Microeconomic Determinants of Labor Productivity" (RTG 1928), funded since 2013
speaker: Carsten Eckel, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
contact: www.gtk1928.econ.uni-muenchen.de
- "Regional Disparities and Economic Policy" (RTG 2484), funded since 2019
speaker: Tobias Seidel, Universität Duisburg, partner universities in Bochum and Dortmund
contact: www.regional-disparities.de/
- "Collective Decision-Making" (RTG 2503), funded since 2019
speaker: Anke Geisler, Universität Hamburg
contact: www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/forschung/verbundprojekte/rtg-collective-decision-making

International Research Training Groups (IRTG) [Internationale Graduiertenkollegs; IRTG]

Currently the following IRTG in or strongly related to economic sciences is funded:

- "High Dimensional Non Stationary Time Series" (IRTG 1792), funded since 2013
speaker: Volfgang Hähde, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; partner university in Xiamen (China)
contact: www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/de/forschung/irtg



RESEARCH AT NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Leibniz Institutes

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation of 95 research institutes. The annual budget amounts to 1.9 billion euros. Some 11,500 researchers – approximately 25% of them from abroad – work on a widely diverse range of subjects, including the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences and environmental research.

- The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW)
location: Berlin
contact: www.diw.de/en
- Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB)
location: Berlin
contact: www.wzb.eu/en
- Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (RWI)
location: Essen
contact: <https://en.rwi-essen.de/das-rwi/>
- Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)
location: Halle/Saale
contact: www.iamo.de/en/
- German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
location: Hamburg
contact: www.giga-hamburg.de/en
- German National Library for Economics - Leibniz Information Centre for Economics
location: Kiel
contact: www.zbw.eu/en/
- Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)
location: Mannheim
contact: www.zew.de/en/
- Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS)
location: Mannheim
contact: www.gesis.org/en/institute
- IfO Institute - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich
location: Munich
contact: www.ifo.de/en
- Sustainable Architecture for Finance in Europe (SAFE)
location: Frankfurt/Main
contact: <https://safe-frankfurt.de/home.html>

Max Planck Institutes

The Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science is one of Germany's largest independent non-profit research organisations. A combined total of more than 15,300 researchers, postdoctoral/junior researchers and visiting researchers at 86 Max Planck Institutes conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities.

- Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods
location: Bonn
contact: www.coll.mpg.de/
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPISG)
location: Cologne
contact: www.mpisg.de/index_en.asp
- Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance
location: Munich
contact: www.tax.mpg.de/en/home.html
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR)
location: Rostock
contact: www.demogr.mpg.de/en
- Max Planck Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (MEA) and Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
location: Munich
contact: www.mpsoc.mpg.de/en/social-policy-mea/
- Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
location: Munich
contact: www.ip.mpg.de/en.html

Others

- Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
location: Bonn
contact: www.iza.org/en

DFG

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the central self-governing research funding organisation in Germany. It serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects at universities and other research institutions. The DFG promotes excellence and quality by selecting the best research projects on a competitive basis and actively encourages international research cooperation. It is particularly dedicated to the promotion of young researchers and to gender equality in science and academia. It also advises legislatures and government agencies on scientific matters. In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law that receives the large majority of its funds from Germany's Federal (69%) and state (29%) governments. In 2019 the DFG's annual budget was 3.3 billion euros.

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