



Leibniz Institute for
**EAST AND SOUTHEAST
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Institution: Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) Regensburg
Application deadline: September 30, 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
2027 Visiting Scholars Program of the
Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)
Regensburg, Germany

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS, <https://www.leibniz-ios.de>) in Regensburg is one of the largest and longest-established institutions of its kind in Germany with a distinctly international orientation. It is an independent research facility funded by the Federal Government and the Free State of Bavaria.

The three research departments of IOS (History, Economics, Politics) conduct interdisciplinary research in three major research fields: (1) Disruption and Adaptation, (2) Mobilities and Dependencies, (3) Labor and Environment. Another focal program is the Leibniz ScienceCampus “Europe and America in the Modern World. Frictions and Transformations of Globality since the 19th Century” established jointly with the University of Regensburg. You can find more on the institute’s research agenda at <https://leibniz-ios.de/en/research/ios-research/research-agenda>

The IOS maintains a specialized library holding a stock of more than 360,000 media units of literature in humanities and social sciences relating to the countries of Eastern and Southeastern Europe, many of them in the languages of the region. It offers a variety of electronic research services and repositories.

Within the framework of its Visiting Research Fellow Program, the IOS encourages applications from historians, economists, political scientists as well as scholars of cognate disciplines. The fellows are expected to conduct research relevant to the profile of the institute in cooperation with members of IOS. One fellowship will be awarded in connection with the Volkswagen Foundation funded project seeffield to strengthen Southeast European Studies in Regensburg (<https://seeffield.app.uni-regensburg.de/>).

The duration of the research stay usually lasts between two and four weeks. The allowance is determined by the length of the research stay and the applicant’s professional experience.

Together with the University of Regensburg, the institute provides an attractive research environment in a city known for its high quality of life. Regensburg has one of Germany’s largest preserved medieval cities holding the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The institute is located close to the old town and will offer a work place to the selected guest researchers.

We now invite applications for our 2027 Visiting Researcher Program. Please submit your application online until **September 30, 2026**, via the IOS application portal at <https://leibniz-ios.de/en/institute/about-the-institute/fellowships>. The application documents should include the following (all in PDF format):

- a brief research proposal in German or English (maximum three pages)
- a detailed academic Curriculum Vitae naming two references
- copies of no more than three academic articles (published or unpublished)
- preferences concerning length and desired period of your stay (between February and November 2027).

Applications submitted via email or regular mail will not be considered.

We plan to notify applicants of the outcome of their application by **early November 2026**.

For further information, please contact the heads of the IOS research departments: for economics, Dr. Tobias Korn (korn@ios-regensburg.de), for history, Prof. Dr. Guido Hausmann (hausmann@ios-regensburg.de); for politics, Prof. Dr. Cindy Wittke (wittke@ios-regensburg.de); or the Academic Director, Prof. Dr. Ulf Brunnbauer (brunnbauer@ios-regensburg.de).

The Institute is committed to equal opportunity.

Please note: All applications will be deleted after six months.