

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## Master's Theses on World Society and World Society Theory

While the Institute for World Society Studies at Bielefeld University accommodates and fosters a wide array of research, the concept and various theories of world society have always been one of its defining features.

To encourage ongoing engagement with the concept and theories of world society, we offer support to graduate students who wish to write a Master's thesis that is either directly on or significantly reflects on the uses of these concepts and theories. This active engagement goes beyond a mere "application" of a single theory but is not necessarily tied to a specific discipline (i.e., the thesis could be written in Sociology, Social Anthropology, Political Science, Law, History, etc.).

### Who Can Apply

Graduate students of Bielefeld University who plan to write a Master's thesis that clearly deals with the concept and/or theories of world society. Applications should be submitted no earlier than 9 months and no later than 2 months before the start of the official writing period of the thesis ("Anmeldung").

### What We Offer

Selected candidates will receive:

- Consultation on their proposal by the Institute.
- A chance to present the project at the Institute's annual retreat.
- A bursary of EUR 250 to participate in a conference.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Managing Director, Laura Späth (iw@uni-bielefeld.de, +49 521 106 3360).

### How To Apply

Please send your application, including a brief letter of motivation, a CV, and an outline of the proposed thesis (1,000-1,200 words, including literature), in one PDF file to iw@uni-bielefeld.de by **June 30, 2026**, at the latest.