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A Touch of World Politics in Bad Salzufflen

Junior researchers of the RTG presented their projects during the Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies.

On 14 and 15 December 2017, the Annual Retreat of the Institute for World Society Studies took place in Bad Salzufflen near Bielefeld. This year, the post-doctoral and doctoral researchers of the Research Training Group "World Politics" (RTG 2225/1) participated in the conference for the first time. In two sessions on "Coloniality and the Diffusion of Knowledge" and "Comparison as a Method and Practice in World Politics", they presented their research projects and discussed them with experienced scholars of various disciplines from Bielefeld University and other academic institutions. For many of them, this constituted the first opportunity to publicly present their ideas and a great occasion to network with experts on world society studies. All participants valued the conference as very productive. While the members of the RTG greatly benefitted from the constructive criticism and the suggestions of the conference participants, the senior researchers appreciated gaining insights into the topics and activities of the RTG as well as getting to know the aspiring academics.

The Research Training Group "World Politics" (RTG 2225/1) deals with the emergence of world politics as a specific type of politics. It has a pronouncedly research-oriented, interdisciplinary, and international profile. Participating disciplines are political science/IR, sociology, history, and law. The RTG's aim is to introduce doctoral researchers as quickly and intensively as possible to the working practices of academic research. It is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for a period of 4.5 years.