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The Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin is now offering an in-residence

Research Fellowship *Dealing with the Past*

The Research Fellowship targets scholars and experts who conduct research and work on specific issues relevant to the Robert Bosch Academy's portfolio. They have the opportunity to actively engage with the Richard von Weizsäcker Fellows during their stay.

Dealing with the Past

Dealing with a legacy of gross human rights violations is one of the greatest challenges societies are facing in the aftermath of violent conflict. Research suggests that there is a relationship between the ability to address this legacy in a comprehensive and inclusive manner and the potential to develop sustainable peace. The Robert Bosch Stiftung has been engaged for many years in the field of dealing with the past, historical dialogue, documentation and memorialization in (post-)conflict and post-authoritarian societies around the globe. We support a continuous international exchange of decision-makers, civil society practitioners, experts and scholars in the field of dealing with the past in order to specify, discuss and analyze these questions as important issues on the global agenda for conflict transformation. Robert Bosch Stiftung hopes to integrate knowledge generated through its research fellowship into its own strategic process and approaches.

The Robert Bosch Academy invites scholars and experts to submit a **project proposal** by **August 31st 2015** concerning (but not limited to) some of the following questions:

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- How has the field of Dealing with the Past evolved as a conceptual approach and as a policy field over the last decades? What are the most important changes in the development of the field in recent years?
- What are specific characteristics of Dealing with the Past and where can difficulties in its definitions and limitations in its understanding be identified?
- What are best practices and what are the most difficult challenges of Dealing with the past in different (post-)conflict societies?
- Which are the main advocacy issues related to Dealing with the Past in order to bring more attention on the global agenda and to create concrete impact in this area? Which of these issues connect a number of different (post-)conflict regions and should therefore be addressed in a joint effort on the international level?
- Which are the existing transnational networks related to Dealing with the Past, what are their different missions and which actors are being represented?

Application requirements

The Fellowship offers scholars and experts a six months research leave with a monthly stipend being provided which covers the fellow's living expenses. A budget for travel and conferences can be made available. Preference will be given to those applicants who can demonstrate an established record relating to Dealing with the Past as scholar or practitioner with a broad international understanding beyond regional expertise. Specific areas or regions of knowledge as well as connected fields of interest are to be indicated nonetheless. The Fellow is expected to disseminate the results of their research not only through publications, but also through feeding into their future career after the end of the Fellowship.

To apply for a Research Fellowship at the Robert Bosch Academy please send your **CV**, a **motivation letter**, a **list of publications and/or other references** as well as a **short project proposal** (max. 4 pages) to Verena Heinzl, Program Officer at the Berlin Representative Office of Robert Bosch Stiftung (verena.heinzl@bosch-stiftung.de).