



Zukunftskolleg Newsletter issue #33

Dear fellows and friends

Summertime generally means a break in the university's business, but not at the Zukunftskolleg! The most important news of the last weeks is the opening of the 13th call for applications for 2-year Postdoctoral and 5-year Research Fellowships. Read more below and be sure to apply by the call's deadline, 15 October 2018, if you are interested.

Also, we have some important news on the Zukunftskolleg's internal statistics and external evaluations. If you would like to know more about developments at the Zukunftskolleg, check out our EU Report, Evaluation Report and the upcoming Annual Report 2017/18.

Read on to find out about our upcoming events in winter semester 2018/19 and the new date for our weekly Jour Fixe meetings.

A grateful "goodbye" goes out to our fellows, who have recently left the Zukunftskolleg to take up promising new positions all over the world. Read more in the careers section.

We look forward to seeing you again this winter semester and wish you a pleasant few late summer weeks until then!

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Current call for applications

2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships and 5-year Research Fellowships

The Zukunftskolleg has published its [13th call for applications](#) for Postdoctoral and Research Fellowships. The [2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) is aimed at researchers in the early career stages who plan to develop and implement an independent research project. The [5-year Research Fellowship](#) is attractive to researchers with significant work experience and an established academic profile at the postdoctoral level. Both

fellowships are open to applicants from all fields represented at the University of Konstanz.

Applications must be submitted via the [online application portal](#). **The Deadline for submissions is 15 October, 2018 (11:00 Konstanz time).**

Find more information on the [Zukunftskolleg's website](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact Anda Lohan using the following address: zukunftskolleg-application@uni-konstanz.de.



Latest reports

EU Report - Zukunftskolleg goes Europe

After six years, the Marie Curie COFUND Zukunftskolleg Incoming Fellowship Programme (henceforth ZIF-MC), funded by the EU with € 6.24 million, has ended.

At the launch of the programme in 2012, the aim of the Zukunftskolleg and its ZIF-MC Programme was to be established as a permanently leading centre for the training and promotion of top-level early career researchers in Europe. As the various indicators show, the Zukunftskolleg succeeded in reaching its ambitious goal.



Read more about six successful years with Marie Curie [here](#).



Evaluation Report - all goals achieved

In the course of the past year, the quality management team at the University of Konstanz has conducted an extensive evaluation of the Zukunftskolleg. The report shows that the Zukunftskolleg has been successful in all areas.

Read more about the Evaluation [here](#).

If you are interested in receiving the evaluation report, please email Sigrid Elmer at zukunftskolleg-pr@uni-konstanz.de.



Annual Report 2017/18 - available soon

The Zukunftskolleg Annual Report is published once per academic year. The next edition will cover the academic year 2017/2018 and will be available in October.

The Annual Report includes information about recent activities and research projects of

our fellows while providing insight into our institutional structures and positioning within the academic world.

If you wish to receive a copy, please email Sigrid Elmer at zukunftscolleg-pr@uni-konstanz.de.



Review on events

International Joint Workshop with the Martin Buber Society Jerusalem - "Un/certainty" part I

Uncertainty seems to be one of the "conditions of academic work," as [Yigal Bronner](#), the director of the [Buber Society](#) in Jerusalem put it, when summing up two days of inspiring interdisciplinary discussions. The workshop took place from 27-30 June 2018 in Konstanz. For the third time, it brought together scholars of the Zukunftskolleg at the University of Konstanz and of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Read more about the joint workshop [here](#) and/or enjoy watching the [video](#) of the keynote lecture by [Wolfgang Seibel](#).

The second part of the workshop, "Un/certainty Reloaded", will take place at the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#) from 27-30 November 2018.

"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware" (Martin Buber)



Upcoming events

Jour Fixe - new time and place

We warmly invite the Zukunftskolleg fellows and associated members to the weekly Jour Fixe sessions in winter semester 2018/19! The programme is available [here](#).

Please note the permanent change in meeting time and place:

Tuesdays

15:15 - 16:45

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The first regular Jour Fixe in winter semester 2018/19 (after the Zukunftskolleg Lecture on 16 October at 15:30 in V 1001) will take place on **Tuesday, 23 October**. We look forward seeing you there!



Executive Committee meetings

The Executive Committee meetings in winter semester 2018/19 will take place Tuesdays from 11:30 to 13:30 on the following dates:

- **9 October 2018**
- **13 November 2018**
- **18 December 2018**
- **12 February 2019**



Zukunftskolleg Lecture - Ruth HaCohen talks about "The Power and Pitfall of Sonic Solidarity - A Lesson from the 20th Century"

The capacity of shared sonic behavior (singing, dancing, listening) to solidify a community has been observed since ancient times. However, with a few exceptions, it is only since modern times that it has become a powerful resource in shaping social groups' political and ideological cohesion.

In her talk, [Ruth HaCohan](#) (Professor of Musicology/The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) will address musicological questions through a variety of historical cases, and with the aid of a few philosophers such as Jean Jacques Rousseau, Franz Rosenzweig, and Max Scheler.

Read more [here](#).

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

15:30 – 17:00

V 1001 (Senatssaal)

As usual, following the lecture we will offer some drinks & food and the possibility for open discussions. If you need childcare during the lecture, please email Sigrig Elmer at zukunftscolleg-pr@uni-konstanz.de.



Scientific Advisory Board meeting

The [Scientific Advisory Board](#) focuses on the future development of the Zukunftskolleg. Its members are renowned researchers from Germany and abroad who enjoy international recognition in their research fields. With their external perspective and expertise, they advise the Executive Committee and propose strategies for advancing the Zukunftskolleg's profile.

The next meeting will take place on **6-7 November 2018** at the Zukunftskolleg.



University Day: "Arts & Science"

In cooperation with the [Hegau Bodensee Seminar](#), the Zukunftskolleg looks forward to hosting the 7th edition of the University Day.

The Hegau-Bodensee Seminar was initiated in 1999/2000 by the [Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport Baden-Württemberg](#) as a part of the educational grant for particularly talented students. It offers interested secondary school pupils an opportunity to gain further education beyond standard school contents.



This year's topic will be "Arts & Science."

Thursday, 8 November 2018

9:00 a.m. – 17:00

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Public Lecture: "Varieties of Academic Labour Markets in Europe"

[Alexandre Afonso](#) (Assistant Professor / Leiden University, Institute of Public Administration) will provide a comparative overview of academic labour markets in Europe, paying particular attention to the market for political scientists. After outlining some structural developments, the lecture reviews the organization of academic labor markets in a number of countries.

The lecture is a joint event organized by the Zukunftskolleg and the Academic Staff Development (ASD). Read more [here](#).

Thursday, 8 November 2018

17:00 – 18:30

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Workshop: "Selective Internationality? Baseline Study and Counteractive Measures"

Internationalization at the University of Konstanz is not global. When mapping the institutional collaborations and biographical backgrounds of international scholars several white spots on the global landscape become apparent, while other areas seem overrepresented. Is this picture the result of selective measures? Most existing collaborations and their local distribution emerged through individual strategic decisions on departmental and institutional levels as well as through research collaborations established on the basis of the interests of individual scholars. Should we strategically tackle this misfit in internationalization? And if so – how?

Friday, 16 November 2018

10:00 a.m. - 16:00

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The workshop is upon invitation only. If you wish to attend the workshop, please email Daniela Kromrey at daniela.kromrey@uni-konstanz.de.

Find more information and the tentative workshop schedule [here](#).



Contemporary poetry reading & discussion with Edinburgh-based poets

The reading is the public part of the workshop "From Reading to Writing: Creative Interaction with Contemporary Poetry (and Its Authors)" on Saturday, 17 November. It is organized by Silvia Mergenthal (Dept. of Literature) and Julia Boll (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Literature). There will be a book table at the event. Admission is free.

Friday, 16 November 2018

10:00 - 11:30 and

13:00 - 14:30

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Awards & grants

Recent distinctions

Thomas Böttcher secures two grants

Thomas Böttcher (Research Fellow/Dept. of Chemistry) obtained a grant from the Baden-Württemberg Foundation and a grant from the Vector Foundation. Read more [here](#).

Gisela Bonn Prize for Moritz von Brescius

Moritz von Brescius, (Associated Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) has been awarded the Gisela Bonn Prize of the German-Indian Society. Read more [here](#).

Environment Award 2018 for Denis Gebauer

Denis Gebauer (Research Fellow/Dept. of Chemistry) is this year's winner of the Environment Award funded by the LBS Landesbausparkasse Südwest (state home loans and savings bank). Read more [here](#).

Dr. Karl Helmut Berle-Preis for Kirsten Mahlke and colleagues

Professor Kirsten Mahlke, Alumna of the forerunner of the Zukunftskolleg, and her colleagues, Junior Professor Nicolas Detering and Professor Albrecht Koschorke, have been awarded with the Dr. Karl Helmut Eberle-Preis. Read more [here](#).

Visiting scholarship at Harvard for Philip Rathgeb

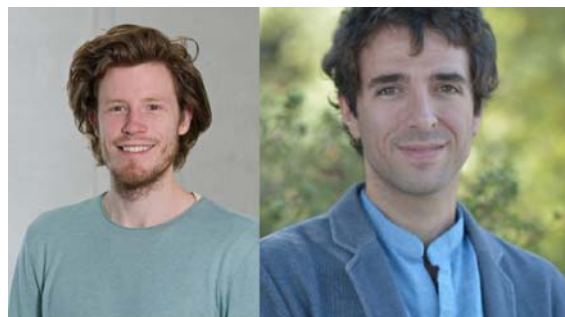
Philip Rathgeb (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Politics and Public Administration) left for a visiting scholarship at Harvard University's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) on 1 September. Read more [here](#).



First two Research Visits awarded

Jolle Jolles (Postdoctoral Fellow/Department of Biology) and Yonatan Gez (Martin Buber Society/Department of History and Sociology) are the first winners of a Research Visit to the Zukunftskolleg.

The new support measure aims to increase the international mobility of our fellows and enlarge the intercultural atmosphere at the Zukunftskolleg. The Research Visits Programme encourages temporary international research stays for our fellows at a partner Institute for Advanced Study or any international research university (Outgoing Research Visits), as well as inviting excellent, early career researchers from around the world to visit the Zukunftskolleg for up to three months (Incoming Research Visits).



Read more about the Research Visits Programme [here](#).



Careers

Senior fellow Giora Hon

Senior fellow [Giora Hon](#) (University of Haifa) was present at the Zukunftskolleg from 23 August until 23 September.

Giora Hon is a professor at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Haifa, Israel. He has been a senior fellow and came to the Zukunftskolleg for the first time in 2012. Since then, he has been back several times. It is our pleasure to host him again.

See Giora Hon in the overview of our [senior fellows](#).



New EC member Gisela Kopp

In the election on 18 July 2018, the Assembly of Members elected Gisela Kopp (Hector Pioneer Fellow/Department of Biology) as a new member of the Executive Committee.

Starting in the winter semester, she will succeed Klaus Boldt (Research Fellow/Department of Chemistry) whose term in office is coming to an end after two and a half years. We thank Klaus for his commitment and congratulate Gisela!

More information about the current Executive Committee [here](#).





New position for Torsten Pietsch

We congratulate Torsten Pietsch (Research Fellow/Department of Physics), who accepted a position at ZEISS in Oberkochen (Germany).

He began his new position as a project leader in research and development on 1 September. We wish Torsten all the best and are looking forward to fruitful exchanges with him as an alumnus!



Lecturer position for Leila Whitley

Leila Whitley (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Literature) has accepted a position as Lecturer in Critical Gender Studies at the [University of California](#), San Diego, starting in winter semester 2018/19.

Her research interests include feminist and queer theory, critical race feminisms, and the relationships between borders and bodies. She will teach courses such as "Gender & the Body" and "Feminist Border Studies".

Leila Whitley has worked as a fellow at the Zukunftskolleg since 03/2016 on her project "Migrant Figures: Discourse, Policy, and Racialised Bodies". We wish her all the best!



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