

## Call for Applications

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

Humanities and Social Sciences

### The Future of Democracy

Claus Wisser Fellowships at Normative Orders

**Duration and Starting Date:** 10 Months, starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

The Claus Wisser Fellowship Fund at Normative Orders, established by the late Claus Wisser and the Pro Universitate Foundation (in cooperation with the Friends of the University), directed by Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst and Prof. Dr. Nicole Deitelhoff, is seeking to appoint up to two post-doctoral fellows for the academic year 2026/2027. The general theme is *The Future of Democracy*. The Fellows will be part of the Frankfurt academic community, especially of the [Normative Orders](#) Research Network.

Candidates should have completed a doctorate in the humanities or the social sciences and should have proven potential to conduct and publish top research at an international level.

### Conditions of Award

We offer a grant of 2,400€/month. The grant is tax-free in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 no. 44 EStG (German Income Tax Act).

Additional benefits include a return trip (to a max. of 800€) from the fellows' hometown to Frankfurt and a mission allowance of 1,500€/year. Health insurance and accommodation expenses are not included in the package, although assistance in purchasing a suitable German health insurance will be provided.

Fellows will have office space at Normative Orders. They will be expected to take an active part in the Center's activities and workshops, and to present their ongoing research to the members of the Center. Fellows are expected to reside in the Frankfurt area for the whole duration of their stay.

Please send your application in English *IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT* (a two-page research project, CV, and a maximum of two letters of reference) to Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst. Please use this address: [sekretariat.forst@soz.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:sekretariat.forst@soz.uni-frankfurt.de)

The reference letters may also be sent directly by the referees.

Closing date is **March 15, 2026**.