

Call for applications

Post-doctoral Fellowships

Political Theory / Political Philosophy

Goethe University Frankfurt “*Justitia* Center for Advanced Studies”

Duration and Starting Date: 10 Months, starting on October 1st, 2026.

The Research Network [Justitia Center for Advanced Studies](#), funded by the [Alfons and Gertrud Kassel-Stiftung](#) and the Professorship of Political Theory and Philosophy, directed by Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst at Goethe University Frankfurt, is seeking to appoint up to two post-doctoral fellows in political theory/political philosophy for the academic year 2026/2027. The Fellows will be hosted by Frankfurt University at its [Institute for Advanced Studies](#) in Bad Homburg (near Frankfurt) and will be part of the Frankfurt academic community, especially of the [Normative Orders Research Center](#).

Candidates should have completed a doctorate in political theory/political philosophy and should have proven potential to conduct and publish research at an international level. Candidates' research should fall within the Center's areas of focus, especially questions of the current crisis of democracy.

Please send your application in English.

IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT (a 2-3 page research project, CV, and no more than two reference letters) to Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst. Please use the address: sekretariat.forst@soz.uni-frankfurt.de

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

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

Conditions of Award

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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 2,000 €) from the fellows' hometown to Frankfurt; a mission allowance of 2,000€/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 be provided with office space at the University's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at Bad Homburg ([Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften](#)). Fellows who wish to live at the Institute will be offered the opportunity to rent one of the Institute's flats at their own cost (for more information, see: [Living at the Institute](#)). Fellows who wish to live in Frankfurt will receive some assistance in finding a suitable accommodation.

Fellows 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 in its weekly research seminar at Normative Orders in Frankfurt.

Fellows are expected to reside in Frankfurt (or Bad Homburg) for the whole duration of their stay.