

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Third Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

February 29 to March 1, 2024 | Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies is hosting the [Third Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy](#). This event aims at building bridges and finding commonalities among young scholars whose research is addressing the complex linkages between economic, political, and social action. It will give doctoral students at all stages the opportunity to present their work and receive constructive and well-informed feedback.

The conference is organized by the doctoral researchers of the [International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy \(IMPRS-SPCE\)](#). This graduate program combines approaches from economic sociology and political economy. Its research explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations.

Reflecting the School's broad multi- and interdisciplinary program, the two-day conference will bring together junior researchers in the fields of economic sociology, political economy, and related disciplines. It aims to foster dialogue and promote synergies among those studying the mutual interdependence and complex interactions between the economy and society by providing a platform for interdisciplinary exchange. We invite doctoral researchers to submit abstracts, especially addressing the following or related topics:

- Markets, globalization, and geopolitics
- Political economy of growth
- Climate change
- Politics of migration and immigration
- Paid and unpaid work
- Inequality and intersectionality
- Civil society and social movements
- Economic and financial policy

Conference details

The conference will be held in person from **February 29 to March 1, 2024** at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne. The MPIfG will cover the costs for travel expenses (second class train tickets, economy class air plane tickets, public transport; cab fares are not covered), catering, and accommodation for external speakers and discussants (twin rooms). In addition to panel sessions, there will be a keynote lecture, coffee and lunch breaks, and get-togethers. The desired spirit of the conference will be one of close interaction and discussion. Participants will be asked to submit a short draft paper, prepare a brief presentation (approx. 10 minutes) on their research, and read the submitted papers of their panel colleagues. Work in early exploratory and conceptual stages is welcome. Each paper will be commented on by a discussant.

Submission details

The papers must be authored by current doctoral researchers. Submissions co-authored by a doctoral researcher are also welcome. However, the presentation of the paper at the conference has to be given exclusively by the doctoral researcher.

Interested scholars can apply by submitting a 250-word abstract including the research topic and the theoretical and methodological approach of their proposed paper via the following link by **October 25, 2023**: [Abstract submission](#).

Successful applicants are expected to submit a draft paper of roughly 6000–8000 words by **February 9, 2024**.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers via phdconference@mpifg.de.

Key dates

Deadline for abstract submissions:	October 25, 2023
Notification of acceptance:	Mid-November 2023
Submission of draft papers:	February 9, 2024
Conference:	February 29 to March 1, 2024