Europa Kolleg Hamburg
Institute for European Integration

Call for Applications

Early-Career Fellowship at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg

Political Economy, Infrastructure and Geoeconomics in a European Context

Fellowship period: 1 April–30 June 2027

Europa-Kolleg Hamburg invites applications for a **three-month fellowship** on “Political Economy, Infrastructure and Geoeconomics in a European Context”.

The aim of **Europa-Kolleg Hamburg** is to promote academic studies concerning the political, social, economic, legal, historical, intellectual and cultural foundations and issues of Europe and their international contexts. Through its **Institute for European Integration**, an academic institution at the University of Hamburg, Europa-Kolleg Hamburg provides a setting for interdisciplinary research and international academic exchange.

The fellowship is designed to give early-career researchers (doctoral and early postdocs) time to focus on their own projects, to present their research, and to connect with other fellows at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg. The fellowship is limited to the period from **1 April to 30 June 2027**.

We welcome projects that examine questions of political economy, infrastructure and/or geoeconomics and that have a connection to European history or current European issues. Projects may focus on analytical, historical or normative questions and draw on the history of political and economic thought, political theory, international relations theory or social theory.

Applicants should explain how their project relates to the fellowship’s thematic focus and what contribution it seeks to make.

What the Fellowship Offers

- a **stipend of €1,700 per month**
- a workspace at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg
- participation in a cohort of fellows
- interdisciplinary exchange with other fellows and researchers in Hamburg

If your application is successful, you will also have access to rental accommodation at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg at a reduced rate.

Fellows are expected to:

- work regularly at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg during the fellowship period
- actively participate in exchange with other fellows
- participate in discussions of other fellows' projects (please note our other open call for fellowship applications)
- present their research project
- publish a blog post or comparable public-facing text

Applications must include:

- letter of motivation, max. 2 pages
- description of the research project, max. 2 pages, including an explanation of how the project fits the thematic field
- proof of current affiliation with an academic institution
- curriculum vitae and, if applicable, a list of publications
- a copy of the applicant's most recent diploma
- for doctoral researchers: a letter of recommendation from at least one professor who knows the applicant and is familiar with their work and abilities

Please also give us an indication of whether you are interested in accommodation at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg.

Application deadline: 21 December 2026 (23:59 GMT+1)
Applications should be sent to: institute@europa-kolleg-hamburg.de

Please email us if you have questions regarding the fellowship.

Selection

Selection will be based on the applicant's academic merit, the quality and interdisciplinary profile of their research project and their motivation to contribute actively to academic exchange within the fellowship cohort.