



Searching for your own path in international academics?
The new **Graduate School of Global Politics** is your opportunity to set the course for a successful research-oriented career.

The Center for Global Politics, a distinguished Freie Universität Berlin (FU) institution directed by Prof. Klaus Segbers, is now launching a call for applications for its **Graduate School of Global Politics (GSGP)**. Offering a valuable combination of academic preparation, research and practical experience, the **GSGP** is the place to acquire knowledge in context and prepare for an outstanding career in research-oriented occupational fields. The integrated German-Chinese program is a cooperative endeavor between selected Chinese universities and Freie Universität Berlin. It focuses on applicants with dissertation topics in the fields of IR and Global Politics and a regional focus on East Asia. The FU Berlin, which was successful in the federal and state "Initiative for Excellence", is now one of nine "universities of excellence" in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The **GSGP** is a 3-year PhD program and involves 8-10 outstanding PhD candidates from FU Berlin and selected Chinese partner universities. Special features include:

- **Pioneer Concept:** the first bi-national German-Chinese PhD program in the social sciences;
- **Systematic coursework:** in-depth knowledge of theories of International Relations (IR) and courses on various methodologies best suited for each PhD candidate's field of specialization;
- **A 6-12 month research stay:** an opportunity for detailed on-the-spot research and an intensive international academic experience;
- **High-quality academic monitoring:** consultation with two advisors, all renowned scholars, for the whole period of the dissertation;
- **Practical experience:** various courses in research management, projects with think tanks, and opportunities for internships;
- **Joint certificate:** award of a doctoral degree from the PhD candidate's home university and a joint certificate from both universities.

The Center for Global Politics is now inviting students to apply for the GSGP program through Freie Universität Berlin. Those applicants will start in October 2011 and will complete their research stay at selected Chinese universities. After successfully finishing the program and their dissertation, they will receive a doctoral degree from FU Berlin together with the joint certificate.

The following documents are required in order for an applicant to be considered by the selection committee:

- **overview of all work, internship and academic experience** relevant to the program, submitted in block form (e.g. CV);
- transcript of records from previous degrees, including proof of the successful completion of a **Master's degree** or equivalent;
- proof of **English language ability** at Level C1 of CEFR;
- **statement of purpose** that details the applicant's reasons for applying to the program as well as the applicant's future career plans (maximum two pages);
- **dissertation proposal** (maximum ten pages) – this should be a convincing, detailed and well elaborated plan for the dissertation and should provide proof that the candidate will be able to finalize the dissertation concept within three years;
- **a written statement from the PhD committee** (Promotionsausschuss) at FU Berlin that admission for the dissertation is possible; please contact our student advisor Bettina Rollow concerning this issue;
- **two expert opinions** (Fachgutachten) from professors **on the dissertation proposal**;
- basic knowledge of German and Chinese is advantageous.

For more information about the program, please visit our website www.cgp-phd.org or contact us at phd@global-politics.org.

The application deadline is February 1, 2011. If you wish to apply, please contact our student advisor Bettina Rollow. Contact details are listed below.

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