Germany: at the heart of Europe

Germany lies at the crossroads of many European countries connecting Eastern and Western Europe. It is the country of poets and thinkers. Research in Germany has a high reputation all over the world.

- Germany is among the top countries in terms of promotion of and investment in education and research.
- It hosts highly respected research institutions and centers for advanced studies.
- A degree from a German university is internationally highly esteemed.

The University of Bonn: “We are a University of Excellence”

The University of Bonn was founded more than 200 years ago and enjoys the status of being one of the most prestigious universities in Germany and abroad.

The University of Bonn is characterized by:

- being one of the world’s leading research-based universities.
- its status as a University of Excellence with six clusters of excellence. The Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies hosts one of these clusters: “Beyond Slavery and Freedom”.
- its international visibility due to eighty collaborations with renowned universities worldwide.
- offering a place of study for more than 38,000 students, who benefit not only from the University’s strong interdisciplinary research profile, but also from support in all matters.

Bonn: the place to be

Bonn is an international student city on the river Rhine, and home to the United Nations in Germany. Moreover, Bonn is:

- the birthplace of the composer Ludwig van Beethoven.
- host of important federal ministries and NGOs as well as many museums, diplomatic missions and the United Nations University.
- close to several hubs in central Europe.
- offering a variety of cultural events and entertainments such as carnival and musical festivals.
- host of a University that enjoys an outstanding reputation at national and international levels.

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We offer a concise and in-depth Master’s program that is specialized and innovative. Our Master’s program in "Slavery Studies" covers state-of-the-art slavery research and goes beyond these by introducing the broader perspective of strong asymmetrical dependencies.

Due to its excellent local, regional, national and international network, the BCDSS offers an ideal environment for intensive interdisciplinary and intercultural exchange. We aim at researching different types of slavery and slavery-like phenomena and go beyond the terminology of slavery by proposing "asymmetrical dependency" as a new key concept encompassing all forms of bondage across time and space.

Be connected to cutting-edge research

What we offer to Master students:

- Excellent qualification within two semesters
- Support and supervision by internationally renowned scholars
- A specialized and innovative Master’s degree in "Slavery Studies" in an interdisciplinary and intercultural research environment

Our Master’s program

Our Master’s program is a one-year, research-oriented degree program offering you a broad perspective on interdisciplinary research on slavery and slavery-like phenomena through time and space.

The basic module (1) provides a sound knowledge of relevant historical phenomena as well as of the methodological and theoretical tools to pursue your own study and research interests.

Specialize in Slavery Studies

In accordance with the interdisciplinary perspective and innovative character of our program, the study program includes classes on transcultural comparison and current research debates (2 & 3).

Compulsory Elective Modules provide the room to follow your own interests and to explore textual sources, material culture, and empirical data.

The 4th module is dedicated to preparing your Master’s thesis.

Admission requirements

- A 4-year (240 ECTS) B.A. or equivalent degree acquired in Germany or abroad in Archaeologies, Asian or Islamic Art History, Comparative Religious Studies, Egyptology, English Studies, German Studies, History, History of the Islamic World, History of Law, Japanese Studies, Korean Studies, Latin American Studies, Slavic Studies, Social Sciences, South East Asian Studies, Theologies. Tibetan Studies, or similar disciplines.
- Minimum Grade 2.5
- Language requirements
  - CT proficiency in English (documented by e.g., a B.A. program taught entirely in English, minimum scores of TOEFL, IBT 94/EFLTS 7.0)
  - German language proficiency is not required
  - Proficiency in source languages is recommended.
- Costs
  - University fee (~$500 € p.a.)
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