



Call for Applications

The Role of the Future in Economic and Political Sociology: Between Stabilizing Expectations and Extending Crises

Joint PhD Seminar of Sciences Po and the MPIfG

September 24–26, 2018 at the MPIfG, Cologne

This seminar explores the recent interest in the future in the social sciences. Recent work in economic sociology has brought out the importance of actors' expectations, showing the influence of narratives and fictions on future developments as ways of embedding economic activity in stories and images of envisioned future capitalist development. Other strands of literature in economic geography, anthropology, and history have pinpointed the origins and use of tools of future crafting, such as forecasts and scenarios, as instruments of market making and as contributors to the crafting of economic interests over time. The seminar aims to familiarize PhD students with this emerging research agenda.

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Requirements: Full papers or PhD chapters must be sent one month before the workshop. Students are expected to complete the required reading in advance (about 10 research articles or book chapters and 6 summaries of PhD theses in progress).

The seminar is supported by the Franco-German University. Costs for transportation and accommodation will be covered by the organizers. No specific fees for the course will be charged. Cost for food will be covered by participants individually. Hotel reservations will be made through the organizers.

Application: If you would like to apply for the seminar, please submit a letter of motivation (max. 300 words) and a short description of your PhD project (max. 300 words) until **May 31, 2018** to Susanne Berger, MPIfG, berger@mpifg.de.

More information:

http://www.maxpo.eu/Downloads/PhD_seminars/PhD_Seminar_CfA_2018.pdf

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