

Call for applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in the project "Turning land into capital".

In the Volkswagen Foundation-funded research project "Turning land into capital. Historical periods of (re)production of wealth in Latin America from the 19th to the 21st century", we offer an excellent opportunity for a postdoc in a network of six universities in Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina and Brazil.

The project "Turning Land into Capital" aims to understand the role of land as a means of (re)production of wealth in Latin America and the Caribbean. It focuses in particular on the two phases from the 1860s to the Great Depression of 1929 and from the 1980s to the 2020s. The project is articulated around three thematic lines of research: 1) Political Constellations; 2) Cultures of Wealth; and 3) Ecological Transformations of Landscape.

The position is based at the **Fluminense Federal University (Graduate Program in Sociology and Law – PPGSD/UFF)**. More information about the project can be found at the following link: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/cias/forschung/turningland/>

Scholarship conditions

- Project within the lines of research and on Latin America. Regional and comparative proposals will be positively valued.
- The trajectory and scientific reputation, publications, experience in the research topic, and the quality of the project presented will be evaluated.
- The project is committed to inclusion and the goal of gender parity. It expressly welcomes applications from severely disabled and handicapped persons, duly qualified.
- Fellows are expected to participate in the activities and events of the "Turning land into capital" project on a full-time basis in its different regional offices, namely: Rio de Janeiro, Quito, Buenos Aires, Bern and Bielefeld, also assuming management and coordination activities within the project.
- Make use of the resources of the project and the host institution, **Graduate Program in Sociology and Law (PPGSD-UFF)**, including office space, access to libraries and research facilities.
- Small research travel fund for work in libraries and archives.
- The submission of a manuscript on the research topic indicated with an innovative perspective. The appropriate form of publication of the research results will be agreed with the project coordinating committee.
- Contribution to the collective research of the core group of the project independent of the individual research topic.
- Annually, in addition, the fellows are expected to report on their activities in a report according to Volkswagen Foundation guidelines.
- The amount of the scholarship is 1,300 euros per month for 48 months

Application

Send to turningland@uni-bielefeld.de the following documents in pdf format and in Spanish, Portuguese or English language:

- Motivation letter explaining how the project relates to the objective and axes of the "Turning land into capital" project and what your expectations are.
- Presentation of an innovative publication project (essay), justification of the contribution to the debate on the role of land as a means of (re)production of wealth from a multidimensional approach, including timeline and work plan, with a maximum of 10 bibliographic sources (max. 5 pages/2,000 words).
- Two-page curriculum vitae with list of relevant publications.
- Copy of doctorate degree

Important dates

- Call opening: 19/12/2023
- Closing date of the call: 01/02/2024
- Interviews (pre-selected proposals): 06/02/2024
- Decision date: 06/02/2024
- Scholarship start date : 01/03/2024

Due to the number of applications, rejections cannot be justified.

More Information

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