

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2023  
(CHINA/HONG KONG/MACAU/TAIWAN)

**Application deadline:** September 30, 2022

Against a backdrop of global political power shifts and faced with the environmental crisis and social injustice, the Joint Center for Advanced Studies “Worldmaking from a Global Perspective: A Dialogue with China” explores existing notions of “world” and approaches to worldmaking from transnational and transcultural perspectives. The Center is jointly organized by researchers at universities in Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg, Munich, and Würzburg. It is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

In order to promote knowledge exchange, dialogue, and cooperation between Chinese and German scholars, the Center has established a visiting fellowship program for researchers to visit the Center in Germany and a research fellowship program for researchers based at a German university to conduct fieldwork or archival work in China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan.

The research fellowship program provides short-term stipends for researchers interested in conducting fieldwork or archival research abroad. Research fellows will be supported in carrying out their own research projects, preferably in cooperation with scholars at the Center’s partner institutions abroad or in dialogue with the Center’s visiting fellows. They will also be given the opportunity to discuss their research during short-term stays at the Center. Both early career and senior researchers are eligible to apply.

Within the framework of the Center, the project “**Social worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking**”, located in Würzburg (Prof. Dr. Björn Alpermann) and conducted in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Elena Meyer-Clement (University of Copenhagen), investigates the political and societal effects of globalization in China’s cities. It analyses China’s urban governance from a global perspective as well as social interaction and communication processes among different groups of actors forming social worlds. This includes questions such as how both public and private spaces are constituted, contested and transformed, how this relates to social identity formation, how different social groups shape China’s urban space, and what role the use of different media plays in these processes. The Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg is looking for applications for fellowships with research topics that contribute to this broader endeavor, addressing a relevant theme or sub-topic within this framework.

**About the research fellowships:**

This call invites applications for (tandem) research fellowships in 2023 supporting fieldwork or archival research in China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan as well as short-term stays at the Center’s locations in Germany.

For the research trip abroad, the Center will be able to grant stipends of € 4.000 for research stays of one month or longer (applications for shorter trips are also eligible).

Short-term stays in Würzburg should preferably be scheduled for a period of one to three months in 2023 (between April-August). The monthly stipend for stays at the Center's locations in Germany is € 2.000/month.

### **About the application:**

Fellowship applications are open to all outstanding early career and senior scholars situated at German universities. The project **"Social worlds: China's Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking"** is open to all fields in the Humanities and Social Sciences but particularly encourages applications from the following fields: urbanization, urban governance, urban sociology, population politics, and/or globalization.

All applications should be submitted electronically in one PDF-file to our coordination office: [office@worldmaking-china.org](mailto:office@worldmaking-china.org)

### **Application materials include:**

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae including a list of publications
- Project outline (1 page)
- Preferred time and duration of your stay at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

The diversity of our project should also be reflected in the fellowships. We therefore welcome applicants irrespective of their cultural and social background, age, religion, world view, disabilities or sexual identity.

Applications will be evaluated by the selection committee by November. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection process in November 2022.

While we are still closely monitoring the ongoing implications of the coronavirus pandemic on the safety and mobility of people, we would like to pursue the fellowships as announced in this call.

In case of any questions, please contact our coordination office ([office@worldmaking-china.org](mailto:office@worldmaking-china.org)).

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