

Welcome Day 08 April 2025



Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS)
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A few words about doing a PhD

- First phase of professional academic career leading to jobs inside and outside academia
- What it takes to succeed in academia:
 - Achievements
 - Support
 - The claim to a 'place of one's own'
- BGHS: 3 leading principles: interdisciplinarity, internationality, self-initiative
- BGHS: The more you take part, the more you get out of it.

BGHS community (April 2025)

191 doctoral researchers: 56 in history, 135 in sociology
58% female, 36% international
14% scholarship holders, 57% academic staff, and
29% individually funded researchers

275 alumni since 2008

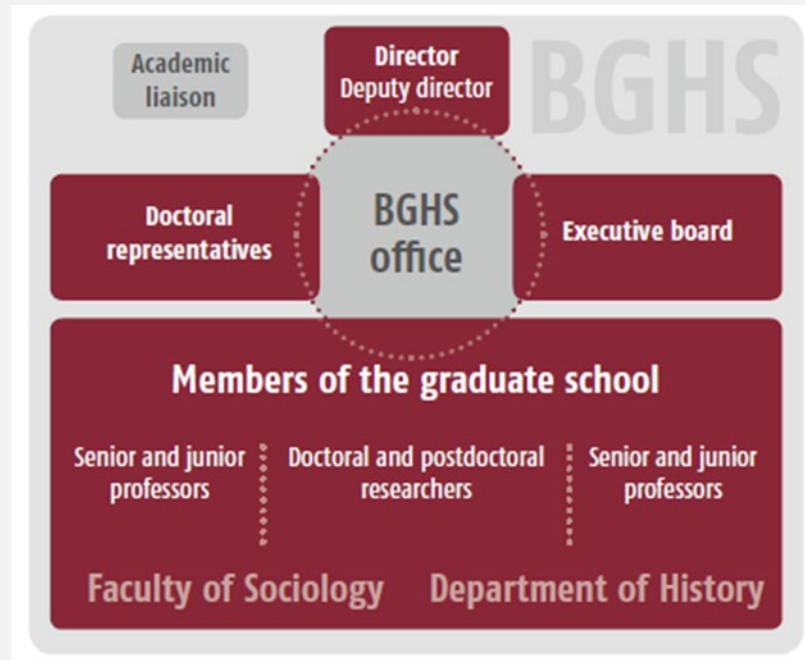
50 professors: 20 in Department of History
30 in Faculty of Sociology

BGHS structure

Ruth Ayaß (*director*)
Frank Grüner (*deputy director*)

Academic liaison
Hartmann Tyrell

*Doctoral
representatives*
Mariza Mathis
Angela Gutierrez
Elisabeth Schmidt
Manuel Palm



BGHS office
Clara Buitrago
Nicole Käufler
Sabine Schäfer

Executive board
Ruth Ayaß
Clara Buitrago
Lars Deile (dean)
Oliver Flügel-Martinsen (dean)
Frank Grüner
Angela Gutierrez
Martina Kessel
Martin Kroh
Teresa Malice
Mariza Mathis
Ursula Mense-Petermann
Christina Morina
Lisa Regazzoni
Leopold Ringel
Tobias Werron

Communication & information

Weekly newsletter as central source of information

BGHS blog on website

Coming soon: “Chances and Challenges – The BGHS Podcast”

For study programme please see eKVV (electronic study programme)

For information about the BGHS please see <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/bghs/>

or contact us: bghs@uni-bielefeld.de

For information on the faculties please see:

Department of History
<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/geschichtswissenschaft/index.xml>

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Faculty of Sociology
<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/soziologie/>

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Doctoral training programme

Supervision Agreement of doctoral researchers, supervisors and BGHS

Support in conflict situations: academic liaison Prof. Dr. Hartmann Tyrell or Dr. Sabine Schäfer

Annual progress reports (first report after 6 months)

Confirmations of attendance

“Transcript of the Doctoral Programme” after completion of study programme

BGHS curriculum

Mandatory programme: 6 CP

one Theory Class
= 0.5 CP

Theory
(1 class)

Mandatory programme

Transferable skills
(2 workshops)

Methods
(1 class)

Research classes
(4 classes)

two to four
Transferable Skills
Workshops = 1 CP
(BGHS, PEP or other)

one Methods Class
= 0.5 CP

four Research Classes
= 4 CPs

Annual Seminar

Research colloquium

Specialised seminars

Conference attendance

Study group

Teaching

Interdisciplinary Theory Seminar

Workshop organisation

Optional programme

*Conference paper:
0.5 CP*

*Organising a workshop:
1 CP*

*Participation in a study
group: 0.5-1 CP*

*Post as a doctoral
representative: 0.5 CP*

Colloquium with own paper: 1 CP

*Colloquium without own paper:
0.5 CP*

Research Retreat: 0.5 CP

*Teaching a course of one's own:
0.5-1 CP*

Optional programme: 4 CP

Special BGHS features

Post as a doctoral researchers' representative

Research Retreat in November at VHS Bielefeld

Organisation of a workshop (funding available)

Public lecture series “Linie 4” in May and June

Working Paper Series

Advice on funding opportunities for international mobility and other things

Welcome to the BGHS!