

Understanding – The Researchers' Perspectives and Knowledge Production

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) for Doctoral Researchers

Kick-off on-site at BGHS
25–29 September 2023

Virtual Course Programme
online
October–December 2023



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From September to December 2023, the BGHS at Bielefeld University (Germany) will organise an **international short-term training programme for doctoral researchers in history and sociology and related subjects** in cooperation with the universities of Bologna (Italy), Paris Cité (France), Örebro (Sweden), Jaén (Spain), Helsinki (Finland) and Tel Aviv (Israel), funded within the European Erasmus+ Programme. The programme offers doctoral researchers the opportunity to present their research projects to international peers and scholars, get and give feedback from different disciplinary perspectives, and build a European network. As a blended learning programme, the BIP takes place both **on-site at Bielefeld University and virtually**.

The training programme focuses on reflecting processes of scientific understanding in knowledge production. It thrives on the international and interdisciplinary composition of the participants and the diversity of their dissertation projects. We want to use this diversity to reflect what impact individual perspectives have in the research process and how these perspectives can be made fruitful for the dissertation projects and the work progress. Therefore, the BIP includes **a variety of training formats**.

The **BIP Kick-off** will be held **on-site at Bielefeld University from 25 to 29 September 2023**. During this week, the participants will get to know each other and participate in the following activities:

- 2-day **Research Retreat**, in which doctoral researchers will discuss the current state of their dissertation projects in small groups and receive feedback from professors and peers
- 1-day workshop on **Research Ethics** focusing on the implications of ethical issues for research in social sciences and humanities (transferable skills)
- 1-day **excursion** to the Stalag 326 memorial site in Senne and reflection of the excursion

The **BIP Virtual Course Programme** takes place **online from October to December 2023**. During this time, doctoral researchers will participate in the following block seminars:

- 1-day workshop: **How to keep on track in the research process** (transferable skills)
- 2-day workshop: **Scholarly Argumentation** (transferable skills)
- 2-day **Methods Class** that approaches the relation of understanding and analysis from different disciplinary perspectives and fosters reflexivity in the analytical process
- 2-day **Theory Class** that explores the epistemological contexts of scientific understanding

Workload of participants:

Participants are expected to attend the complete programme and will be credited to BGHS doctoral study programme as follows:

3 CP ≡ 3 ECTS				
On-site Part in BI	Research Retreat	0.50 CP	Theory Class	0.50 CP
	1-day Workshop	0.25 CP	Methods Class	0.50 CP
	1-day Excursion + Reflection	0.50 CP	1-day Workshop	0.25 CP
			2-day Workshop	0.50 CP
		Virtual Part		

Application:

To apply for the BIP, please send a 250-words abstract to bghs@uni-bielefeld.de by **30 June 2023** reflecting the topic you will discuss at the event. Once the topic is accepted, you have to prepare a 5 pages text for discussion in the research retreat during the on-site week in September. Please submit the text by **30 August 2023**.

For more information on the BIP and application please contact Dr. Clara Buitrago at bghs@uni-bielefeld.de.

Programme
Kick-off on-site at BGHS,
Bielefeld University

Monday, 25 September

10-12 a.m.	Welcome Addresses by the BGHS directors and the Rector of Bielefeld University Introduction of all participants and to the BIP
12 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lunch break
2-5 p.m.	Research Retreat Session 1 Discussion of doctoral projects in 3 parallel interdisciplinary work groups
6 p.m.	City tour and drinks in the city

Tuesday, 26 September

9-12 a.m.	Research Retreat Session 2 Discussion of doctoral projects in 3 parallel interdisciplinary work groups
12 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lunch break
2-5 p.m.	Research Retreat Session 3 Discussion of doctoral projects in 3 parallel interdisciplinary work groups
5-6 p.m.	Feedback round

Wednesday, 27 September

9 a.m.-5 p.m.	<i>Doctoral researchers:</i> Workshop on Research Ethics (breaks in between)
9-12 a.m.	<i>Professors:</i> exchange about doctoral studies in the different universities and countries
12 a.m.-2 p.m.	<i>Professors:</i> Lunch break
2-5 p.m.	<i>Professors:</i> informal exchange
6 p.m.	<i>All:</i> Cultural activity in the city

Thursday, 28 September

9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Excursion to Gedenkstätte Stalag 326 Senne, a memorial for prisoners of war in the Second World War who were used as forced labourers in the German industry
6 p.m.	Dinner in the city

Friday, 29 September

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Reflection on excursion to Stalag 326 from multiple perspectives
1-2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30-4 p.m.	Informal exchange
4-5 p.m.	Closing round and farewell

BIP Virtual Course Programme October-December 2023 online (preliminary programme)

<i>12 October</i>	<i>Workshop: How to keep on track in the research process</i>
<i>9-10 November</i>	<i>Methods Class on relation of understanding and analysis</i>
<i>17 November, 01-02 December</i>	<i>Theory Class on epistemological contexts of understanding</i>
<i>Tba</i>	<i>Workshop: Scholarly Argumentation</i>