



UDO KELLER STIFTUNG  
FORUM HUMANUM



## Call for Applications

In association with the Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum, the TRA 4 – Individuals, Institutions and Societies (University of Bonn) is offering 2 further *Forum Humanum fellowships*, to qualified doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers from any department in the social sciences or humanities at the University of Bonn to participate in an event to be held at the recently founded *Institute for Philosophy and the New Humanities* at the New School for Social Research (NYC).

Researchers within the *TRA 4 – Individuals, Institutions and Societies* investigate the complex relationships between individuals, institutions and societies. They aim to develop a new perspective on micro-phenomena (e.g. development of personality, competences, individualization) as well as macro-phenomena (e.g. world society, globalization). One of many central research goals is to identify key factors that influence social cohesion, equal opportunities, efficiency, resource protection and the development of individual skills in the context of all these factors.

Sharing this research objective, the *Institute for Philosophy and the New Humanities* is founded on the premise that genuine knowledge acquisition, truth and objectivity are not the exclusive preserve of any single discipline or method. The concepts we deploy to understand and evaluate human cultural and scientific achievements also have to be placed within their broader social, political and intellectual context and therefore have to be approached from a truly interdisciplinary perspective. The Institute thus aims to bring together researchers from a variety of disciplines and draw on the resources of the social sciences, philosophy, and the humanities more generally, in order to pursue a collaborative understanding of the nature and goals of the humanistic and social scientific disciplines and to grapple with the challenges they face in light of the increasing prevalence of intellectual models imported from other disciplines.

The event will take place on **October 25-29, 2021** and will consist in a week-long series of seminars and workshops on the topic of *“Objectivity in the Humanities”*. Topics include the nature and validity of the claims raised in the social sciences and humanities vis-à-vis those raised in the natural and technical sciences; the metaphysics of mind and intelligence; the impact of developments in the natural sciences and computer science (such as in artificial intelligence) on our image of the human, specifically as regards the notions of thought, creativity, self-consciousness, objectivity and moral and aesthetic value. The seminars will be led by **Prof. Dr. Markus Gabriel (Bonn)**, **Prof. Dr. Zed Adams (New School)** and **Prof. Dr. Paul Kottmann (New School)**, and will be supplemented by various keynotes by leading external speakers from philosophy, history, literary studies and history of science.

The Forum Humanum scholarship will cover travel and accommodation costs, as well as provide a stipend for daily expenses. We are hoping that the workshops can take place in New York. Applicants must therefore confirm that they are committed both to traveling to New York in October 2021 and to being fully vaccinated before then. Access to the New School campus without full vaccination is not permitted.

To submit an application, please send a) an up-to-date CV and b) a brief statement outlining your interest in the event in light of your current research projects (max. 1 page), combined into a single document, by **30.06.2021** to **Dr. Alex Englander** (E-Mail: [alexeng@uni-bonn.de](mailto:alexeng@uni-bonn.de)).