

FAQ for applicants:

1. Who can apply?

Scholars with a doctoral degree in the social sciences or humanities who are currently affiliated with a German university or research institute.

2. Are there thematic preferences?

There are no thematic preferences except that the proposals should reflect a transregional agenda ([link](#)), involving more than one world region into consideration and scholars from various parts of the world. The proposals should aim at the combination of a systematic problem-oriented approach and engagement of regional competencies.

3. What is the role of successful applicants? And what is the role of the Forum and MWS?

Applicants are the primary convenors of the Workshops. However, rather than a funding initiative, we regard all our activities as part of the on-going intellectual conversation of scholars engaged in transregional research. We therefore specifically look for combinations of innovative ideas and transregional approaches and offer our own experience and expertise in the field.

4. How many can participate?

Maximum of 15 participants should take part in the Explorative Workshops to allow an intensely focused conversation.

5. How long do Workshops last?

The workshops last from one to three days.

6. Where do the workshops take place and who makes the logistical arrangements?

Explorative Workshops can take place at any German university or research institute. If the event is held in Berlin, the Forum handles all the logistical arrangements (visa, travel, accommodations, etc). Logistical organization outside of Berlin is undertaken by a cooperating partner, proposed by the applicants or the Forum and the MWS. No third party can be hired to organize the event.