

Residency. Is permanent residency in Hamburg a requirement? Yes, with some qualifications. The project aims at profiting from collaborative research, be that in the context of a weekly research seminar or over a coffee break. For this reason, members of the projekt should be present at Hamburg university 4-5 days a week, except when they are travelling because of conferences (or are on holidays). There may be times when the project is less active, possibly a month during summer, where an additional absence from Hamburg might be negotiable.

Teaching. There are no teaching obligations, but it will be possible to teach if one wishes to do so. This would help the project by becoming more visible in the faculty and by attracting further interest on the side of the students. It could also help the individual researcher by increasing her teaching experience. Courses can be taught in English.

Activities. The project is going to organise smaller workshops and larger conferences. There will be a weekly research seminar, in which the members can discuss their own work or invite other researchers to present work related to the project. There will also be seminars which are open to (mostly graduate) students of the faculty where recent papers/books are discussed. There might be a number of further activities, such as a blog, edition of a volume on the project's main theme, etc. It will also be important to interact with the philosophy department, so that the department can profit from the presence of the project's members. This might involve going to a weekly colloquium or attending workshops in Hamburg not organized by the project.

Language. The language of the project is English. Nevertheless, it might still be a good idea to learn some German, not only for private reasons, but also because it might help professionally. A certain amount of work will have to be spend on administrating the project and this will occasionally involve dealing with the university's administration. It cannot always be expected that the relevant staff is fluent in English. This is why learning some basic German is expected while being on the job (no prior knowledge of German is necessary).

Starting date. There is some flexibility regarding the starting date, but not too much (possibly between 2-3 months).

Degrees. An MA-degree or equivalent is expected. It would be preferable if you have either already obtained your MA-degree or have submitted your MA-thesis by the time of application. Should neither of these conditions obtain, please submit a statement by your program director or you supervisor that you will have obtained the relevant degree by October 1st.

Background. The project is a project in philosophy, so an applicant should have a sufficiently strong background in philosophy and be committed to pursue research in philosophy. The project would greatly profit from additional backgrounds in neighbouring fields such as mathematics, economics or psychology. Ultimately, what matters most is how well an applicant's background and current research interests fit with the project's main topics. Various different type of backgrounds could make for a great fit. Unfortunately, there is no general way of classifying appropriate backgrounds. Decisions will be made by assessing each application individually.

Supervision. The primary (and official) supervisor for the PhD thesis will be Moritz Schulz, but some of the supervision will take place within a collaborative context, discussing your work with all the other group members. It is possible to be co-supervised by someone from outside Hamburg University, for instance your current supervisor. However, the degree to be obtained will be a degree from Hamburg University. It is not possible to be enrolled in a different PhD program while being on the advertised job.