



Stiftungsfonds Martin-Buber-Gesellschaft



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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

The Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Call for Applications for the academic year 2011-2012

The Martin Buber Society of Fellows, a joint venture of the Hebrew University and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), aims at fostering inter-disciplinary and inter-cultural academic discourse at the highest level among outstanding young scholars (post-doctoral) from Israel and Germany together with selected senior colleagues. Each year the Academic Committee of the Martin Buber Society selects up to ten exceptionally gifted young scholars (five from Israel, five from Germany) in all fields of the humanities broadly defined and including social sciences (with the exception of law and economics). Scholars who have completed their Ph.D. at an Israeli or German university, or citizens of Israel or Germany who have received their Ph.D. in other countries, are eligible to apply. The Ph.D. degree must have been approved after October 1, 2006 and no later than March 15, 2011. Doctoral candidates submitting their dissertation in U.S. universities in the winter-spring of 2011 are entitled to submit their candidacy, subject to approval of the dissertation by May 2011.

Fellows will become part of a vibrant scholarly community reflecting the widest possible disciplinary spectrum in the humanities and social sciences and embodying a spirit of shared intellectual adventure. **No special connection to Jewish studies or Israel is required.** We are looking for creative humanists and social scientists with broad intellectual horizons. Discussions in the Martin Buber Society will take place in English (not in Hebrew or German).

The Fellows will be asked to move to Jerusalem. They will receive a monthly stipend of approximately 9000 Israeli shekels and a housing subsidy either for apartments in the university's Student Village on Mount Scopus or in town. They will be given offices at the Hebrew University (Mount Scopus campus) and will participate in bi-weekly seminars, lectures, study excursions, and other interactive academic modes. Each will have the opportunity to pursue his or her individual research under optimal conditions for the term of his or her fellowship.

Scholarships are initially granted for two years (subject to a review at the end of the first year), beginning October 1, 2011, on the basis of a detailed outline and description of a research project of major scope and innovative character. The scholarship may be further extended beyond two years upon the approval of the Academic Committee of the Martin Buber Society.

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The deadline for applications for 2011-2012 is January 30, 2011. Documents should not arrive after this date. Applications must be sent as hard copy, **without staples**, and accompanying diskette and must include: a complete CV and list of publications; a discursive description of the research project to be pursued in Jerusalem (up to five pages double-spaced); a one-page abstract of the Ph.D. dissertation; two letters of recommendation; and the evaluators' reports on the dissertation, if available. Applications must be sent **in English** (with the exception of the evaluators' reports if they are written in another language). Applications should be submitted, by post, in 3 hard copies, in a simple plastic folder, preferably with a transparent cover, along with a CD containing an electronic copy of all of the materials. Please avoid using staples on any of the documents and please do not send us application materials via email. Letters of recommendation must, however, be sent either directly by the recommender to the email address below or in sealed and signed envelopes. Please do not send applications by email.

The Academic Committee of the Martin Buber Society will meet at the end of March to choose next year's fellows. Outstanding candidates will be invited --at relatively short notice-- for an interview either in person or on Skype.

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