

**MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2017**  
**HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY**

**TRAVEL GRANTS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS**

## **SOCIETY THROUGH THE LENS OF THE DIGITAL**



### **THE TOPIC**

The Herrenhausen Conference “Society through the Lens of the Digital” explores the role of the social sciences and the humanities in a society saturated with debates on the effects of digitization: Parties, NGOs and the public sphere explore ideas of digital democracy. Luminaries of business try to map and unlock the potential of big data and of platform capitalism. Data journalists experiment with modes of describing the world not through linear texts but through algorithms and interactive visualizations while intelligent systems have to learn to navigate the often-ambiguous rules and structures of society. We are lacking scientific approaches to analyse this multiplicity of discourses on digitization in order to adequately explore its implications for research, research policy and the public role of the social sciences and humanities. The Herrenhausen Conference aims to fill this gap.

### **TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE**

The Volkswagen Foundation offers travel grants for PhD students and early Post Docs (max. 5 years since PhD) working on theoretical, methodological and empirical tools to analyze and conceive of the digitization of society and interested in the role social sciences and the humanities play in processes of digitization. Applicants can win one of 20 travel grants to take part in this Herrenhausen Conference. Successful applicants will get the chance to discuss their research in a **pre-conference workshop** as well as to present it in various **formats within the conference**. The grants include travel expenses to and from Hanover, visa fees (if applicable), as well as accommodation in Hanover. Please apply by via <https://form.jotformeu.com/62013527318348> by **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please note that we are not able to accept applications after this deadline.

### **YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING**

- A short description of your research focus that explains how your approach tackles the challenges the questions of the digitization of society and role social sciences and the humanities play in it (max. 2.000 characters)
- A short abstract of your research project (max. 2.000 characters)
- A short C.V. (max. 1.000 characters)
- A short list of your most recent publications (max. 5).

### **SELECTION**

Participants will be selected by the steering committee. Acceptance will be based on qualification of the applicant as well as originality and potential of the project. We will inform the applicants about the results Mid-February 2017.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

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DETAILED PROGRAM: [www.volkswagenstiftung.de/societydigital](http://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/societydigital)

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