



Memorandum of Understanding

The **Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences** (MBSF) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is a German-Israeli Foundation financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Its aim is to create a vibrant environment for outstanding young scholars in all fields of the Humanities and the Social Sciences. Scholars from Israel and Germany who have completed their Ph.D. degrees within the last five years are eligible to apply, on the basis of a detailed research proposal, for generous fellowships, renewable up to four years. The Fellows – five from Israel and five from Germany in each annual cohort – take part in regular activities including bi-weekly seminars or colloquia, periodic workshops and conferences, study trips, lectures, and social events.

In order to further foster the relationship between the German and the Israeli research communities and to enable the fellows to enlarge and to intensify their personal academic networks, **German U15, a registered association under German law**, seeks to cooperate with the Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and the Social Sciences. German U15 therefore invites the German and the Israeli fellows to apply for a defined time (up to a semester) as visiting scholars at one of the U15 universities. This will strengthen academic cooperation in the respective fields of research and, at the same time, give the fellows the opportunity to teach, be it a course, an intensive seminar, a workshop etc., and gain experience in German academia.

Travel and living expenses of the fellows (up to a semester) will be covered by the MBSF. The decision to offer any kind of lectureship is up to the individual host university. In the German academic system this is usually decided on the level of the institute. All visiting scholars accepted will have access to desks/workspaces, IT services and organizational support from the host university to advance their work.



GERMAN U15

Fellows of the Martin Buber Society wishing to apply for a visiting scholarship at one of the U15 universities should first contact their academic host at the German university (typically a professor who supports their research and teaching stay) to reach a general agreement about their research project and their stay at the host university. For the practical implementation of the fellowship, fellows should then contact the assigned officers at German U15 universities (see appendix) and provide information on the academic host and a short description of their research project. Both MBSF and U15 acknowledge that each research and/or teaching stay at one of the German U15 universities is subject to a separate agreement between the fellow, MBSF and the respective host university.

The parties will review the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a regular basis to assess the success and will determine whether to continue, modify or discontinue the MoU. Each party has the right to terminate this MoU by giving six months prior written notice to the other. A termination of this MoU shall not affect the completion of any joint activities underway at the time that the notice of termination is given.

November 15th 2018

Berlin

For
The Martin Buber Society of Fellows in
the Humanities and Social Sciences
Prof. Dr. Yigal Bronner
Director

For
German U15 e.V.
Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler
President
Freie Universität Berlin