Collaborative Research Centre "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" will be funded for four more years

The German Research Foundation (DFG) will continue to fund CRC 1342 at the University of Bremen. This will encompass funding of around 15 million euros over the next four years. The second funding period will begin on January 1, 2022.

“I am very pleased about the great success of our university and its partner institutions,” says the President of the University of Bremen, Professor Bernd Scholz-Reiter. “Collaborative Research Centres are some of the biggest and most significant research networks funded by the DFG. The CRC 1342 carries out important research, the findings of which are elementary for the further development of the fields of politics and society on a global level.”

Alongside SOCIUM as the lead institute, other research institutes and facilities at the University of Bremen, Jacobs University Bremen, Bielefeld University, and University of Duisburg-Essen are involved in the CRC 1342. In 15 projects, about 70 researchers from political science, sociology, history, geography, law, and computer science are investigating the global development of public social policy. The countries of the Global South are systematically included.

Key question: Who is benefitting from social policy and to what extent?

So far, the CRC 1342 has focused on analysing the national, international and transnational impact mechanisms that have decisively influenced the introduction of social security systems and their design worldwide. “The core task over the next four years will now be to investigate the coverage and generosity of public social policy. In short, the question is: Who benefits from social protection and to what extent?”, explains Professor Herbert Obinger, spokesperson of the CRC 1342.

The CRC 1342 will consist of two project areas in the second funding phase: The six projects of Area A examine the dynamics of various social policy domains in a global and historical perspective; macro-quantitative analyses will be supplemented by individual case studies. The eight projects in Area B conduct case studies and comparisons for selected countries/regions and specific social protection programmes; the focus is on qualitative studies complemented by quantitative analyses.

In an information infrastructure project, the Global Welfare State Information System (WeSIS) will be developed further. As in funding phase one, all research data collected will be fed into the web-based, interactive information system. WeSIS is expected to be released to the public in 2024. Then research institutions and the general public worldwide will be able to use all data stored in WeSIS at no charge for non-commercial purposes.

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