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DFG Research Training Group "Transnational Social Support" obtains further funding worth EUR 2.7 million

Investigation on the provision of social support across national borders

The DFG-funded Research Training Group 1474 "Transnational Social Support" at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and the Foundation University of Hildesheim (both Germany) will be continued and receives further funding of about EUR 2.7 million by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The group investigates transnational social support processes. "Over the past four years, the DFG Research Training Group has developed into a very productive and effective organization in terms of its promotion of young researchers. It has succeeded in establishing and integrating the new subject of Transnational Social Support within the international academic community. The German Research Foundation has recognized this by providing supplemental funding for another four and a half years. We are of course very pleased about this," said Professor Cornelia Schweppe and Professor Schröer, coordinators of the DFG Research Training Group since 2008.

The funding until 2017 gives 12 doctoral candidates and two postdoctoral researchers the opportunity to analyze how social support is being provided across national borders.

Over the past four years, the DFG Research Training Group 1474 has developed into an international research network following an interdisciplinary approach. "We are to build on this over the next four and a half years and transform the currently temporary research training group into something more permanent", explained Schweppe. "We have already reached important milestones in this regard with the establishment of an international research cluster, in which universities from Canada, Australia, Taiwan, and the USA are working on aspects of Transnational Social Support, and with the creation and publication of the journal "Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal" (TSR).

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