



## Late Autumn School

# > Online Trust and Online Communication

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The interdisciplinary DFG Research Training Group „Trust and Communication in a Digitized World“ at University of Münster is organizing

from 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013

a **Late Autumn School on „Online Trust and Online Communication“.**

The Late Autumn School is designed for 20 PhD students. Besides, also the 16 PhD students of the Research Training Group will take part. Especially invited are PhD and talented master students from the following research areas: communication science, psychology, economics, information systems and sport & exercise sciences.

Three international researchers will host the Late Autumn School. Prof. Dr. David Schormann – one of the leading trust researchers – will be one of them.

Detailed information about keynotes and workshops as well as the schedule and further referents will follow in July and can be found on our [Homepage](#).

We are looking forward to receiving many applications from PhD and master students from different disciplines and are looking forward to seeing you soon in Münster!

With kind regards

Prof. Dr. Bernd Blöbaum  
(Speaker of the Research Training Group)





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### Call for Papers

Applications are accepted from PhD and master students in communication science, psychology, economics, information systems and sport & exercise sciences as well as similar research fields. The PhD thesis should deal with trust and/or communication.

Applications must include a research proposal of the dissertation project (500 to 1.000 words) and a short scientific CV.

Furthermore, interested master students are asked to include a short recommendation letter by their supervisor.

**Deadline for Call for Papers: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

The applications will be evaluated on peer review and response will be given at the end of September.



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The research training group “Trust and Communication in a Digitized World” examines how trust can be developed and maintained under the conditions of new forms of communication. Digitized means of communication change the structure and sustainability of trust because firstly, familiar face-to-face communication is replaced by digitized interactions, secondly, virtual social and office networks emerge and finally, because new forms of relationships between the public, organizations and individuals develop. The postgraduate program analyses the consequences of these processes for the establishment of trust relationships by the example of four prototypical areas: **media**, **economy**, **science** and **sports**. Besides generating empirical results, the aim of the postgraduate program is to offer new methodological insights and to provide a theoretical foundation for the disparate field of trust research.

The graduate program is supported by university teachers and post-doctoral students at the “Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität” (WWU) in Münster in the subjects of



- **communication science**  
[Prof. Dr. Blöbaum](#), [Prof. Dr. Röttger](#), [Prof. Dr. Quandt](#),  
[Dr. Malik](#)
- **psychology**  
[Prof. Dr. Jucks](#), [Prof. Dr. Hertel](#), [Prof. Dr. Bromme](#),  
[Dr. Pieschl](#)
- **economics**  
[Prof. Dr. Schewe](#)
- **information systems**  
[Prof. Dr. Becker](#)
- **sport and exercise sciences**  
[Prof. Dr. Strauß](#)

### Short profile of the research training group

- supported by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG)
- funding period: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (4,5 years)
- projects funds: approx. EUR 3 million
- number of applicants: 11
- number of PhD students: 20

### Short profile of WWU Münster

- Germany's fourth-largest university
- over 250 courses of study, 15 departments, 7 faculties
- 39,000 students
- 6,500 staff (551 professors, 100 research assistants, 1,900 further staff)
- WWU is one of the five most important institutions in Germany for training junior academics
- 800 doctoral degrees awarded annually
- over 550 partnership agreements with universities and academic institutes worldwide

### Short profile of the city of Münster

- 291,000 inhabitants
- 19 million visitors per year
- most liveable city in the world (LivCom Award)
- the University motto – “knowledge and life” – describes exactly the close interplay between the University and the city of Münster
- most cycle-friendly city in Germany (252 km of dedicated cycle tracks)



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