

March 21, 2014

**Herrenhausen Conference
“Re-Thinking Social Inequality”**

Invitation

Dear Dr Castillo,

The Volkswagen Foundation cordially invites you to participate in the Herrenhausen Conference “Re-Thinking Social Inequality”, which will take place in Hanover, Germany, from May 12 to May 14, 2014.

The global challenge of growing social inequality takes a prominent role in many of the Foundation’s Funding Initiatives; against the backdrop of rapidly changing societies in the world, it currently deserves even more attention than ever before. The conference is specifically dedicated to new research on the topic – including new questions, innovative approaches, and alternative ways of thinking.

The conference language is English. Recipients of the travel grants are required to present their project in a poster session. More information on the poster requirements will be sent out at a later stage. Those applicants who will be invited to contribute a 20 minutes statement in a session intended to present new approaches by young researchers will receive a separate letter.

Please, let us know by March 31, 2014 whether you accept the travel grant and whether you will need a visa for Germany for the duration of the conference. If this is the case, you should take care of the visa requirements yourself as soon as possible. Furthermore, we will provide you with an additional invitation letter addressed to the Embassy to facilitate your application, if you send us the exact address, including telephone and fax number of the German Embassy in your country. We kindly ask you to submit this information jointly with the acceptance in order to guarantee that you will have enough time to apply for a German visa.

Travel expenses (including visa, if necessary), accommodation, meals, and participation in the conference will be covered by the Volkswagen Foundation. Transfers are only reimbursed when using public transport (i.e. no taxi fares). Please, bring along the receipt for your visa costs. You will be reimbursed on presentation of the visa cost receipt in due course.

The flight bookings (economy class only) and your questions regarding your travel to Hanover will be handled by the travel agency “Zecktravel”. Please, get in contact with “Zecktravel”, as the agency will assist you in booking the necessary flights and will also help you with other arrangements as for example insurance issues.

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The Foundation **will not cover** additional costs related to late bookings **after April 7, 2014**.

Participants who are employed at a German university or who are residents in Germany for the duration of the conference are not eligible for booking flights. They are asked to book their train tickets (economy/coach only) themselves. The foundation will reimburse these travel expenses after the conference on presentation of the original receipts.

If any further queries regarding travel arrangements should arise, please contact Ms. Sabine Zeck (for contact details, see above). If you have any enquiries about the program, please contact us (Phone: +49 (0) 511 8381 – 335, e-mail: inequality@volkswagenstiftung.de).

We do look forward to meeting you in May 2014 here in Hanover.

Yours sincerely,



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