



## Invitation

**Date:**  
November 17, 2016

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Dear Professor Castillo,

As Professor of Macrosociology at the Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, I am delighted to invite you for a research stay in my department for the months of June and July 2017. The topics of your research proposal on "The moral economy of meritocracy" are certainly linked to the research that I have conducted and that I have supervised in the last years. The empirical approach to these issues by using comparative survey data is something that I consider an area of fruitful academic collaboration and where I see possibilities to establish links with my current research as well as with members of my department.

While being here at our Institute you will be able to take part different academic activities, such as seminars, colloquiums and workshops. As you come with your own funding, what we offer to you here is a work place with internet connection as well as access to the library and other facilities at our Institute.

I am looking forward to see you here in Berlin next year.

With kind regards,

Professor Dr. Steffen Mau

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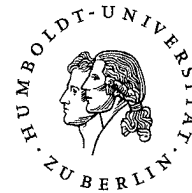
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**Report of Research Activities during Academic Visit**

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(1<sup>st</sup> June-26 July 2017)**

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July 26, 2017

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- Final edition of paper "Perceptions and Preferences about meritocracy in Chile", submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Review of empirical studies dealing with the measurement of meritocracy with survey data.
- Data analysis of ISSP 2009 survey data for a paper analyzing perceptions and beliefs about meritocracy in international comparison.
- Estimation of measurement models for meritocracy and distributive preferences.
- Proposal and estimation of a second-order confirmatory model for perceptions and preferences about meritocracy, work in progress paper to be submitted during the second semester to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Presentation of conceptual framework for empirical studies of meritocracy at seminar "Meritokratie", conducted by Prof. Mau.
- Presentation of analysis of ISSP 2009 data at Research Colloquium of Macro Sociology.
- Regular participation at Research Colloquium and Meritokratie Seminar.

Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau