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Berlin Program Fellows 2026–2027, 41st Cohort

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Ambika Athreya
Oct 2026 – July 2027

University of California, Berkeley, German Studies
Sonic South: A Translation History of Germans in the Tropics

Carrie Bly
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Princeton University, Architectural History and Theory
New project: Techniques of Devaluation: The Closure of Municipal Markets and Restructuring of Public Space in Berlin

Jiahao Cao
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Northwestern University, History
Between Machines and Mobilities - The Socialist Elective Realities

Danyang Cheng
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Beijing Foreign Studies University, German Literature
Der archäologische Blick des Erzählens. Zu Peter Handkes Versuchen in den 1990er Jahren

Elijah-Matteo Ferrante
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Columbia University, History
Migration and the Psy-Sciences in West and Reunified Germany

Jacob Forbes
Oct 2026 – July 2026

Vanderbilt University, History
The Oldest Among Them: The Postwar Plight of Elderly Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 1945-1960

Hunter Hilinski
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University of California, Irvine, Political Science
Between Norm and Utopia: Critical Theory and the Social Imagination

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Jacquelyn Olson
Apr 2027 – Feb 2028

Stanford University, History
The Politics of Global German War Cementaries, 1945-1995

Jochen Schmon
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

The New School for Social Research, Political Science
A Long Nineteenth Century of Abolitionism: The Beginning of Modernity and Universal Emancipation

Jesse Siegel
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, History (Max Kade Postdoc)
Dissertation revision: Gambling Against the Dark: German-Czechoslovak Businessmen in Europe, 1918-1948

Ashleigh Williams
Apr 2027 – Jan 2028

George Mason University, History
Picture Perfect Solidarity? Race, Internationalism, and Postcolonial Worldmaking in East Germany

Christopher Wolff
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Concordia University, Interdisciplinary Humanities
Dissertation revision: International Trans Media Activism: Newsletters and the Circulation of a Community
New project: Trans-National Networks: Modes of Communication Among Trans People in Post-War Europe

Sharon Zelnick
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

University of California, Los Angeles, Comparative Literature (Max Kade Postdoc)
Dissertation revision: Shoah Shadows: Israeli Migrants' Aesthetic Interventions in Germany
New project: Recuperation and Return in the Work of Philip Roth and Yael Bartana

Yuanyuan Zhu
Oct 2026 – Sept 2027

Southwest Jiaotong University, Chinese Language and Literature
Der klassische chinesische Räuberroman *Shuihu Zhuan* im deutschsprachigen Raum: Übersetzung, Transformation und Rezeption (1834-2024)