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THE NEW INSTITUTE offers fellowships for thinkers and practitioners from around the world. It was founded in Hamburg in early 2020 with the aim of combining forward-looking research with innovative practice to inspire, promote, and implement social change.

The fellowship program follows an interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral approach, bringing scholars from various disciplines together with people from politics, business, activism, the media, and the arts.

Every year, up to 80 international fellows and invited guests come to Hamburg to work together on solutions to the pressing ecological, economic, and political challenges of our time. Our fellows, along with their families, are provided with accommodation in the Warburg Ensemble, the building complex that houses THE NEW INSTITUTE.

THE NEW INSTITUTE places special emphasis on exchange and collaboration with institutions and actors from Hamburg and the region. The topics we address are future-oriented and focus on three fundamental questions of our time: What characterizes being human in the 21st century? What does the future of democracy look like? What socio-economic transformations do we need to meet humanity's ecological and geopolitical challenges?

THE NEW INSTITUTE aims to make a concrete contribution to the reorientation of science, society, and politics through programs tailored to thematically address these issues.

## LOCATION

THE NEW INSTITUTE is based in the Warburg Ensemble, a historic suite of nine neoclassical townhouses in the heart of Hamburg. The 6,000- square-meter campus includes accommodation and workspace for 35 Fellows as well as a library and event areas. The Fellows and foundation team moved into the Warburg Ensemble in October 2022. Before the foundation was operating from the Große Theaterstraße 1, 20354 Hamburg.

## DATE OF FOUNDATION

January 3rd, 2020 (THE NEW INSTITUTE Foundation gGmbH)

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Managing Director: Britta Padberg

Academic Director: Anna Katsman

Board of Trustees: Erck Rickmers, Sabine Kunst, Burkhard Schwenker

## LEGAL FORM

THE NEW INSTITUTE Foundation is a non-profit limited liability company (gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, or gGmbH). It has evolved out of the Humanities & Social Change International Foundation gGmbH ([www.hscif.org](http://www.hscif.org)), which was founded in 2016 by the Hamburg-based entrepreneur Erck Rickmers.

## FELLOWSHIPS: SELECTION, DATES, FUNDING

- Capacity for 35 Fellows
- Thematic selection of proposals for the fellowship programs
- Selection by a committee of internal experts and external reviewers
- Financial support is awarded based on length of stay and the research subject and is intended to cover living costs, accommodation in the Warburg Ensemble and the work associated with the fellowship project

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS 2023/24

- Governing the Planetary Commons: A Focus on the Amazon – How are the planetary commons to be governed in an ecologically responsible, just, democratic, and resilient way?
- Depolarizing Public Debates: Developing Tools for Transformative Communication – How can we depolarize public debates on socio-ecological transformations?
- Conceptions of Human Flourishing: Reformulating the SDGs – How does a non-materialist conception of human flourishing inform the reformulation of the SDGs in 2030?
- Black Feminism and the Polycrisis: Configuring a Novel Solution Space Through Intersectional Methodology – How can we use the unique

insights and intersectional methods of Black feminism to respond to the complexities of the contemporary polycrisis?

- Reclaiming Common Wealth: Towards a Law and Political Economy of Land Commons – What are pathways, processes and institutional designs for the generation and governance of land commons?

#### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS 2024/25

- Futures of Capitalism: Radical Democracy and the Financial Imagination. How do the workings of financial markets shape our social reality, and how can practices of speculation and distortion become tools of radical democratic imagination?
- Africapitalism: Shared Entrepreneurship for Economic Development. How are group-owned/community-based businesses economically empowering rural and urban Africa?
- Beyond Capitalism: War Economy and Democratic Planning. In the face of the unfolding planetary catastrophe, how can we establish a more egalitarian and sustainable society through a democratically structured “war economy” and a corresponding new notion of freedom and progress?
- The Future of Food: Power and Biodiversity. How can harnessing biodiversity enable progressive power shifts in the food system?
- Planetary Governance. How do we design and implement the needed global governance reforms to address the planetary emergency?
- Bitter Victory. Is Victory Possible in the 21st Century?