

Implementing Global Planetary Governance Reform

RESEARCH QUESTION

How do we design and implement the needed global governance reforms to address the planetary emergency?

PROJECT FOR WHICH WE ARE SEEKING FELLOWS

There is an urgent need to implement new approaches, frameworks, and institutions for planetary governance to maintain the viability of our earth system. The Climate Governance Commission has already laid out a series of proposals under the flagship report [Governing Our Planetary Emergency](#). The Commission is already networked to numerous thought leaders, policy entrepreneurs, think tanks, academics, states, people and others around the world – including, centrally, within the “Global South.”

The next phase of work requires research into how to make these proposals a reality, including focused diplomatic outreach. The program at THE NEW INSTITUTE will focus on the analysis and implementation of a number of proposals identified in the report. We will focus conceptually on issues of (i.) developing a Global Environmental Agency and (ii.) building an International Court of the Environment with the goal of strengthening international law, and (iii.) other high level institutional reforms or measures in the near-term (e.g., Declaration of Planetary Emergency by the UN General Assembly, establishing a Planetary [Emergency Platform](#)). On the basis of interdisciplinary research, closed and public-facing expert meetings with high-level officials and working groups will be prepared and convened.

RESPONSIBLE PROGRAM CHAIR

Maja Groff Esq, Convenor of the Climate Governance Commission

ABOUT THE NEW INSTITUTE

THE NEW INSTITUTE aims at developing social imaginaries for future societies in light of today’s challenges. How can we recouple human and non-human nature, economic and moral values, democracy as a form of governance

and as a way of life, technology and ethics, social complexity and realistic utopias, and, finally, the theory and the practice of social change? Our fellowship program takes an interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral approach, bringing together academics from different disciplines with politicians, entrepreneurs, journalists, and artists.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Scholars (Postdocs and experienced researchers) from the humanities, law and social sciences or practitioners in politics, business, law, media, or journalism with a commitment to the mission of THE NEW INSTITUTE, and interest in collaborating across our programs. Individuals with expertise in international climate, environment and Earth system governance, as well as those working in fields of climate change and environmental law and policy, e.g., with backgrounds in working in Global South policy are especially encouraged to apply.

WHAT DO FELLOWS DO?

Actively participate in the collaborative fellow work concerning the program. Take part and contribute to weekly interdisciplinary and transsectoral fellow meetings.

FACTS & FIGURES

Call closes:	April 30, 2024, 12 p.m. CET
Funding period:	Fellows can apply for either one, two, or three terms:
Fall term:	Mid Sep – Mid Dec, 2024
Winter term:	Mid Jan – End of March, 2025
Spring term:	May – June, 2025
Location:	Hamburg, Germany (residency required during terms)

For more information on what we offer, please click [here](#).

SELECTION PROCESS

Fellow selection follows a two-stage selection process: After an initial review of applications, we select candidates for zoom interviews that will take place on May 27, 2024.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please send your application - as a single PDF file - to
programs@thenew.institute

The deadline for applications is on April 30, 2024, 12 p.m. CET.

A complete application consists of the following:

- Letter of motivation (1 page max), including statement of relevant fit to the call.
- Proposal of specific contribution to the goals of the program (2-3 pages). Explain how your contribution is innovative, advances research or provides a particular impact with respect to the Program's aims. The proposal should clearly spell out the project's relationship to the Program theme, described above. Proposals should be preceded by a one-paragraph abstract.
- Brief CV (please include in the header: current location including time zone, current affiliation, last university or higher education degree, discipline and institution from which you received the degree, nationality, gender, birth date, and indication of which terms you are applying for).
- The CV should give a rough overview of the main stages in your career.
- List 5 of your main publications that are relevant for your project.
- For academic applicants: A completed PhD and two years of post-doctoral experience are required. Non-tenured faculty must provide two letters of reference.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Early to mid-career scholars must already have made outstanding, innovative contributions to the field they are applying for.

- Publications (first-authored articles or major monographs, reviews in significant academic journals or cultural/art magazines).
- Awards or prestigious prizes.
- Fit of the research project to the respective program and suitability to driving positive social change.
- Feasibility of the research project and its desired outcome within the timeline of the program.
- Since transsectoral work and interdisciplinarity are central to our mission, our fellow groups are carefully curated along these criteria.

Organizational questions may be directed to programs@thenew.institute

Content related questions may be directed to
academicdirectors@thenew.institute

By submitting your application, you accept our [data privacy policy](#).

THE NEW INSTITUTE strives to create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Diversity in our fellowship programs is important to us. We welcome people regardless of social and geographic origins, religion, skin color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability or other legally protected characteristics.