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THE NEW INSTITUTE is an experimental initiative aimed at developing social imaginaries for future societies. It was founded in early 2020 in Hamburg with the objective of combining academic rigor with innovative practice to inspire, promote and implement societal change.

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 Directors: Markus Gabriel, 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), 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

- 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?