

Europe's newest doctoral program
in International Economics

The Kiel Advanced Studies Program in Kiel and Berlin



The global economy is undergoing a fundamental transformation and we need novel research to meet the many resulting challenges. The Kiel Institute wants to lead this process with its doctoral program—now in its 2nd year—that aims to become Europe's leading

Ph.D. program in International Economics.

FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

The main research topics include International Trade, International Finance and Macroeconomics, Geoeconomics, Migration, International Political Economy and Climate Economics.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our program is unique in that we invite outstanding external professors to teach up to 8 short courses per year, in addition to the courses taught by our own faculty.

The external professors for 2024/2025 include [Treb Allen](#) (Dartmouth), [Ernest Liu](#) (Princeton), [Kalina Manova](#) (UCL), [Dmitry Mukhin](#) (LSE) and [Nitya Pandalai-Nayar](#) & [Christoph Böhm](#) (University of Texas at Austin).

In addition, for 2025/26 we already have commitments to teach courses by [Laura Alfaro](#) (Harvard), [Adrien Bilal](#) (Stanford), [Sergio de Ferra](#) (Oxford), [Andrea Ferrero](#) (Oxford), [Federica Romei](#) (Oxford), [Emil Verner](#) (MIT), and [Christian Wolf](#) (MIT).

POLICY RELEVANCE

We encourage students to do high-quality research that matters.

GENEROUS FINANCIAL AND HOUSING SUPPORT

The program charges no tuition fee. Accepted students are offered a 16-months scholarship followed by a 3.5-year junior researcher contract. We also offer subsidized student housing.

A SMALL COHORT

Every year we admit 4 to 5 students and offer an excellent student-to-professor ratio with close supervision and a collegial and supportive atmosphere. We aim for a high share of female students.

A GLOBAL NETWORK

Leverage our global network of leading academics and policymakers.

CHOOSE BETWEEN THE BALTIC SEA AND BERLIN

Work at the Kiel headquarters or at our new Kiel-CEPR Research Hub in Berlin.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 15, 2025 (early offers)
March 1, 2025 (late offers)

PROGRAM START

September 1, 2025

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