

## **Fellowship in the Research Programme “Society”**

### **Focus: Social Groups & Media**

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This research programme analyses the political challenges posed by increasing social friction and focuses on two main issues: on the one hand, chances and limitations for societal organisation in the context of increasing surveillance and control; on the other hand, the struggle on information control and credibility between state and society paying particular attention to the interplay between social networks and statecontrolled media.

#### **MERICS is looking for internationally outstanding scholars and experts:**

- **With exceptional expertise on societal organisation or media policy in China**
- **Preferably for short-term fellowships (between two and three months), in well-justified special cases for long-term fellowships (between four and twelve months).**

#### **Beginning:**

- **Flexible.**
- **Applications may be submitted anytime.**
- **A decision on the granting of the fellowship can be expected approximately four weeks after the submission of the application.**

#### **What to expect as a MERICS-fellow:**

- Close cooperation with a professional research team
- Individual contact person regarding research contents at MERICS
- Active participation in scientific publications
- Active involvement in events and workshops, both internal and external
- An outstanding research location and a high-class global research network
- Lively scientific exchange in an international environment
- Individual full-service support before and during the entire stay in Germany

Send an application, if you have gained exceptional expertise on societal organisation or media policy in China based on years of research and/or professional experience, and, if you are willing to share and deepen it in cooperation with MERICS. With your experience, you will contribute actively to the independent research work of one of the largest international research institutes for contemporary China.

Please send your application documents (#1: letter of motivation (2-3 pages) referring explicitly to the respective MERICS research programme; #2: Curriculum Vitae; #3: list of publications or list of equivalent analytical qualifications based on professional experience) to Julian Wittmann: [julian.wittmann@merics.de](mailto:julian.wittmann@merics.de).