Call for Applications

European Winter School
Women* in the Study of Work and Employment Relations

8–10 March 2027, University of Bremen

Deadline for submissions: 15 October, 2026

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The study of work and employment relations brings together diverse theoretical perspectives and research traditions to analyze how work is organized, governed, experienced, and contested across social, economic and historical contexts. The 2027 *European Winter School for Women* in the Study of Work and Employment Relations* aims to strengthen and foreground the perspectives of scholars who identify as female and non-binary in research fields studying work and employment. The Winter School's mission is to support, empower, and inspire researchers across career stages by fostering critical dialogue, intellectual exchange and mutual support. By connecting emerging and established scholars working on diverse aspects of work and employment relations, the Winter School creates a space for collaboration, reflection and collective engagement with contemporary debates from the vantage point of female and non-binary scholarship.

The *European Winter School for Women* in the Study of Work and Employment Relations* is a three-day workshop that provides a platform for exchanging experiences, building meaningful academic networks, and sharing knowledge and resources. The 2027 Workshop will be hosted at the Institute Labor and Economy, University of Bremen with senior faculty from across Europe. Confirmed faculty participating in keynotes, developmental sessions, and roundtables include Chiara Benassi (University of Bologna), Irene Dingeldey (University of Bremen), Lisa Dorigatti (University of Milan), Lena Hipp (WZB), Bettina Kohlrausch (WSI), Ania Plomien (LSE), and Valeria Pulignano (KU Leuven).

The workshop features keynote addresses on cutting edge debates in the study of work and employment relations, roundtables on successfully applying for grants and building academic careers, and a session for networking and exchange with representatives from social partners. Throughout, participants will work with senior faculty in in-depth developmental sessions on their papers.

12–15 competitively allocated spots are available for early career researchers. There is no registration fee. For selected participants without institutional budget support, travel and accommodation will be fully financed.

Eligibility

We invite women and non-binary scholars based in Europe who study labor and employment relations (across sociology, political science, European studies, labor studies, industrial relations, economics, psychology, gender studies, and related fields). The call is open to doctoral researchers and early-career scholars, including postdoctoral researchers within five years of completing their PhD.

Applications

Applicants are required to submit the following material in English by October 15, 2026:

- extended abstract of the paper to be developed during the workshop (max. 3 pages);
- academic CV (max. 2 pages);
- a one-page motivation letter outlining the interest in attending the Winter School and specifying any financial support required (estimated travel costs, accommodation needs, and available support from home institutions. Please include an overview of estimated funding needs in tabular form).

The application package must be submitted to wwswork@uni-bremen.de by **October 15, 2026**. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Timeline

Selected participants will be notified by **November 30, 2026**.

Selected participants are required to submit a full paper draft to be developed at the Winter School by **January 15, 2027**.

For queries regarding the Winter School please contact Timur Ergen (tergen@uni-bremen.de).