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CSC-Tübingen PhD Scholarship Program

2026/2027 application round: prospective PhD positions at the University of Tübingen

Faculty: *Economics and Social Sciences*

Institute / Section / Subject: Dept. Economic History

Supervising Professor(s): Prof. Dr. Joerg Baten

About the Supervisor(s): *Research interests in long-term economic development of Asia and Europe; Education, Violence and Inequality History*

Specification/Project title: An Economic Analysis of State Capacity and Welfare Development in China and Europe over the Very Long Run

Topic Description: The role of state capacity in the economic development is debated by economists. Some authors stressed the negative impact when rulers removed property from entrepreneurs, hence hindered economic development. Other economists argued that a low-capacity state is neither able to protect its population and territory, nor to prevent interpersonal violence is similarly unable to promote growth. In this project, taxation capacity, violence and living standards in China and Europe will be studied over the past two millennia. Combined evidence on financial/taxation capacities and bioarchaeological indicators of violence (such as cranial trauma rates) results in new insights on welfare development.

Intended Degree: *Dr. rer. pol.*

Type of the PhD Study: *Full-time (complete doctoral studies at the University of Tübingen)*

Required Degrees and Qualifications: *MA in economics or related fields*

Language Requirements: *CSC's formal language proficiency requirements in English.*

Notes: None.