

# STIPE

## Events 2026

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Introductory seminar in March 2025

In the following programme we list all events as we can foresee them in late 2025. Some, especially external events, are added spontaneously, especially if they take place online. You can find the latest information on EASY and we will send you invitations by email at least 4 weeks before any event.

Participation is free of charge for scholarship holders, both online and in person.

## 1 Empowerment workshop for refugee women

Berlin ● January 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 8-12 participants

The seminar aims to offer a safe space for female scholarship holders who have fled. In this safe space, the exchange about everyday difficulties here in Germany, but also about sensitive topics such as personal experiences of flight and/or violence, can take place in a protected environment. The encounter in the small group will promote an intensive exchange and should contribute to mutual support and empowerment. In addition, on Saturday, a trainer and psychologist with many years of experience in dealing with trauma will accompany the group with resilience exercises in the empowerment process.

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*Vilma Duque, Andrea Schirmer-Müller and STIPE-Team*

## 2 Critical self-reflection on power sharing and solidarity in decolonializing international cooperation (only in English)

Online ● February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 12-15 participants

Professionals and partner organizations on the ground strive for cooperation in order to achieve shared development goals. However, this cooperation occurs in a post-/ colonial context of historically grown and persisting socio-economic inequalities and injustices. Therefore, using a critique of power is a prerequisite for co-operating in solidarity towards a sustainable world community. In this training, we invite you to reflect on your own role in the global context and the privileges that go along with it. Together we want to develop ideas and approaches for how we can use our respective power of action and change for greater global equality of opportunities. Participants will be mostly professionals in the development context with work experience, but we invite scholarship holders to join in:

- . Learning about theoretical foundations of and practical experience with power sharing
- . Reflecting on your own power, position and privileges
- . Developing practical ideas for how to make power-sensitive use of scopes of action in the respective work context

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*Dr. Agata Rymkiewicz, Trainer: Tejan Lamboi*

## 3 Reflecting on your own attitudes: stereotypes, discrimination, privilege, and the anti-bias approach (only in German)

Blended Learning Format, online ● 4 appointments in February 2026 ● 12-15 participants

The online seminar provides a comprehensive introduction to the anti-bias approach, encourages self-reflection, and is important for critically examining one's own actions and work in terms of power dynamics especially in the context of (church-related) development cooperation. It consists of flexible self-study, discussion rounds between participants, and four pre-scheduled online live sessions:

16.02.2026 13:00 - 15:00 hrs  
20.02.2026 11:00 - 12:30 hrs or 13:00 - 14:30 hrs  
24.02.2026 11:00 - 12:30 hrs or 13:00 - 14:30 hrs  
27.02. 2026 9:30 - 12:00 hrs



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*Dr. Agata Rymkiewicz, Trainerteam: Agnes Sander, Franziska Blath*

## 4 STIPE at the didacta (education fair)

Köln ● March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 4 participants

Scholarship holders interested in education are invited to visit the fair as a small STIPE delegation. We plan to strengthen the presence of Brot für die Welt at the fair and present educational materials at our own stand. We will also participate in panels or workshops and you may present your educational topic shortly on stage. Networking with staff members of Brot für die Welt, and various German educational actors, e.g. school-teachers and NGOs will be possible. Participation is only meaningful if you have a good knowledge of German.



At the exhibition stand of Brot für die Welt in Stuttgart, didacta 2025

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*Kathleen Schneider-Murandu, Kornelia Freier et.al.*

## 5 Executive Team meeting (2025-26)

Berlin ● March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 12 participants

At this working meeting, the elected representatives of the scholarship holders discuss the status of preparations for the General Assembly in December and plan the activities for the first few months of the new year together. They also prepare for their tasks with a professional moderation and presentation training. Involvement in the Executive Team is considered initiative work.

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*STIPE-Team*

## 6 Introductory Seminar for new scholarship holders

Berlin ● April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 12-15 participants

The mandatory seminar is aimed at new scholarship holders of all scholarship programs. It provides orientation in regards to the program, the course of funding and the STIPE scholarship support program. Participants have the opportunity of getting to know Brot für die Welt and meeting the supporting staff in person. The Executive Team will also be on hand to advise them.

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*Scholarship Team Germany, STIPE-Team, Executive Team*

## 7 Leadership-Seminar

Berlin ● May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 ● 20-25 participants

The seminar is mandatory for leadership scholarship holders. This time it will include monitoring of the initiative's work as well as input on leadership competences. As a highlight, we will participate together in the launch of the latest Atlas of Civil Society published by Brot für die Welt.



Leadership seminar "Decoloniality" with exhibition visits in Berlin in March 2025

*Funded by the German Federal Foreign Office*

*STIPE-Team, Scholarship Team Germany*

## 8 Meeting of the Executive Team (2025-26)

Online ● between June, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 12 participants

The Executive Team will meet online in June to provide an update and make further preparations for the General Assembly. The exact date will be determined beforehand through a survey.

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*STIPE-Team*

## 9 Evaluation and (Re-)integration seminar for scholarship holders with scholarship ending in 2026

Berlin ● June 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● ca. 30 participants

The seminar is compulsory for scholarship holders whose funding ends in 2026. The focus will be on reflection on the study or scholarship period, career prospects and preparation for returning home. Information on further funding opportunities will be provided. Some alumni will tell you what happened to them after their scholarship and give you their personal tips. We will also offer you a short career coaching/application training session and a workshop on resilience and mindfulness for challenging times. There will be a preview of alumni opportunities. The highlight will certainly be the festive church service with the presentation of the scholarship certificates and an intercultural party in the evening.



Farewell at the evaluation and (re)integration seminar 2025

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*STIPE-Team and Scholarship Team Germany*

## 10 Meeting of the Executive Team (2025-26)

Berlin ● September 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 12 participants

At this meeting, representatives of the scholarship holders gather for a working meeting in Berlin. Preparations for the General Assembly in December are finalized, and the schedule for the entire event is determined. Further STIPE dates are agreed upon. Participation in the Executive Team is considered initiative work.

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*STIPE-Team*

## 11 STIPE at the congress WeltWeitWissen



Lübeck ● 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 ● 15 participants

All scholarship holders interested in development policy issues are invited to attend the Germany-wide congress of NGOs and education stakeholders as a small STIPE delegation. The plan is to strengthen the presence of Brot für die Welt and present educational materials at our own stand. A workshop program will run in parallel. Some scholarship holders and alumni may offer a workshop themselves. Networking with staff members of Brot für die Welt, education stakeholders and NGOs from all regions of Germany will also be possible on site.

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*Kathleen Schneider-Murandu, Kornelia Freier u.a.*

## 12 Ecumenical Seminar in Rome

Rome ● 28<sup>th</sup> of September to 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2026 ● 10 participants of Brot für die Welt & GNC/LWF

The seminar is primarily aimed at church-related scholarship holders. The focus is on Rome as the heart of the Catholic Church and as a hub of global Christianity with its centuries-old history. The program includes visits to historical sites of Christian Rome, exciting encounters in the Vatican, but also insights into Protestant and Orthodox Rome. This seminar is part of a series of seminars organized by several Protestant and Catholic scholarship organizations in Germany, namely EKD (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland), Missionsakademie Hamburg, Johann-Adam-Moehler Institute and Brot für die Welt.



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*Roswita Kupke, Pfr. Dionisie Arion, Sarah Boriés*

## 13 Introductory Seminar for new scholarship holders

Berlin ● October 7<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 25 participants

The mandatory seminar is aimed at new scholarship holders in all scholarship programs. It provides orientation in regards to the program, the course of funding and the STIPE scholarship support program. Participants have the opportunity of getting to know Brot für die Welt and meeting the supporting staff in person. The Executive Team will also be on hand to advise them. As a day trip to Lutherstadt Wittenberg is planned, there will be an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther and breathe in history at some of the original sites of the Reformation.



New Scholarship holders at the German Parliament in 2025

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*Executive Team, STIPE-Team, Scholarship Team Germany*

## 14 Leadership seminar: Initiative work

Berlin ● November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 ● 25 participants

The seminar is mandatory for scholarship holders of the Leadership Program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the planned initiative work to each other and to develop joint ideas for projects or seminars. Best practice examples from (former) scholarship holders are presented. To make it easier to get started, an insight into project management and impact orientation will be provided. In addition, colleagues from the education department will present opportunities for multiplier assignments and collaboration on educational materials, which also count as initiative work.

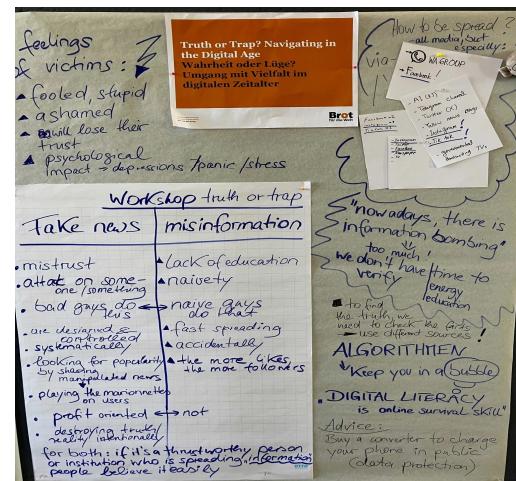
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*Scholarshipteam Germany, STIPE-Team*

## 15 General Assembly

Berlin ● 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2026 ● ca. 80 participants

The event is aimed at current scholarship holders, their spouses and children, as well as alumni of the scholarship programs living in Germany. The General Assembly offers opportunities to get to know each other, exchange ideas, network, and work on the topic of the study day in an interdisciplinary manner. Scholarship holders elect the new Executive Team and can run for office themselves in order to get involved in shaping STIPE in the following years. A jointly organized ecumenical service, a study day, and an intercultural celebration form the framework for the General Assembly. The Executive Team will meet a day earlier, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, in Berlin for the last preparations.



At the General Assembly in June 2025: above group picture, below team of translators and input

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*Executive Team, Brot für die Welt staff members*

## The Executive Team

... is the representation of the scholarship holders (10-12 people), elected for about 18 months at a time. There are three meetings per Executive Team in Berlin supplemented by online meetings.

- The members represent the interests of scholarship holders vis-à-vis the scholarship desk
- They advise the new scholarship holders at introductory seminars and organize the next General Assembly together with Brot für die Welt staff.
- Executive Team members take on organizational, logistical and content-related tasks at STIPE events, such as moderating working groups.
- They are administrators for different scholarship communities on the EASY scholarship platform.
- Active membership in the Executive Team is recognized as initiative work.



The outgoing Executive Team (2024-25) seated and the incoming Executive Team (2025-26) standing at the General Assembly in June 2025, below power women in the Executive Team

