

Welcome to the Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology

The Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (ISS) at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne is one of the biggest and most renowned institutes of its kind in Germany.

The ISS is home to more than 100 academic and administrative staff. The institute began its work in 1919 as the first sociology department in Germany, and it has an excellent reputation for its rich and lively tradition of theory-guided quantitative social research (“Cologne School”). Our [study programs](#) with an international focus offer a wide range of topics and specializations. The teaching of analytical skills is a core element. Researchers at the ISS focus on a variety of methods and subjects, including aging and health, family and fertility, migration and integration, education and labor markets, the life course, consumer behavior and financial decision-making, crime and deviance, social networks, trust and the non-profit sector. Particular emphasis lies on two [research clusters](#): “Demography and Social Inequality” and “Foundations of Social Behavior”.

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