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## **New Research and Study Coordinators at the Centre for Social Policy Research**



In April 2013, Kristin Bothur has started her new position as research coordinator at the Centre for Social Policy Research. The coordination of the Master Programme "Social Policy" has been transferred to Irina Wiegand.

Since April 12, 2013, Kristin Bothur is the new research coordinator of the Centre for Social Policy Research succeeding Christian Peters. The planning and coordination of the interdisciplinary working institute's research perspectives as well as the extension of national and international cooperation and public relations belong to her new responsibilities.

Kristin Bothur began working at the Centre for Social Policy Research in November 2009, at which she was responsible for the planning and conceptualization of several research projects in social sciences - for instance, the research network "Welfare Societies" and its corresponding activities. She is also an Affiliated Fellow at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), since 2012. Her dissertation is on the socio-economic status of freelancing musicians in Germany. Before working at the University of Bremen, she studied political and administrative science and philosophy in Erfurt, Konstanz and Toronto.



Since April 1, 2013, the Master program “Social Policy” of the Centre for Social Policy Research is coordinated by Irina Wiegand. Her main tasks are advising interested persons, mentoring students and building up an alumni network. Besides that, she aims at the extension of international cooperation in academic teaching. One current project is to transform the cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill into a Double Degree Program.

After her studies in Political Science, Roman Literature and Languages and International Relations, Irina Wiegand gained first experiences in coordinating a study program at Jacobs University Bremen. She then worked at the University of Bremen and completed her doctorate with a stipend of the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS). In the previous years, Irina Wiegand held several positions at university institutions.

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