**Research Proposal**

for the application to study the  
M.Sc Social Protection programme

Submitted by:

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Application No.:      

Please sketch out a possible research idea for your master’s thesis in the 4th semester. We don’t expect you to write an elaborated research proposal including a literature review but we would like to see your capacity to identify a relevant topic in the area of social protection, motivate your choice and identify a possible research design. The Research Proposal is designed to be completed within 2 hours. After you finish, please upload it to the application portal before the end of the application deadline, which March 31, 2023 if you need a student visa or May 31, 2023 if you do not need a student visa to study in Germany.

# Research question (50 words max): Identifies the specific issue or problem that your study will address.

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# Relevance of research question (200 words max): The section introduces the reader (or research audience) to the background of the study. It provides a description of the basic facts and demonstrates the importance of your research question.

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# Proposed research design (400 words max): This section explains how the author/researcher will go about answering the research question(s) in section 1. This section describes and motivates the research methods.

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# References / literature:

*Only list references if you used any to write this research proposal. If you didn’t use any references, please indicate what kind of literature you would seek to use for your research.*

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