

PROGRAM
MPSP SPRING SCHOOL



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BERLIN
29.03.-01.04.2026

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READ ME FIRST: DEADLINES

YOUR TO-DOS BEFORE THE SPRING SCHOOL

25th
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- Use [THIS FORM](#) to let us know by the 25th of February whether you can participate in the Spring School and which agenda points you will attend.

25th
of
March

- If you can offer an INTERNSHIP for study phase candidates, submit your internship offer(s) using [THIS FORM](#) by the 25th of March.

18th
of
March

- If you want to make use of our “Print and Bring” service, send us your poster for the poster session by the 18th of March (to: photonics@maxplanckschools.de)



AT A GLANCE:

PROGRAM (29.03. – 01.04.)

	SUNDAY, 29.03.	MONDAY, 30.03.	TUESDAY, 31.03.	WEDNESDAY, 01.04.	
9-10 a.m.	ARRIVAL	ECONOS: Scientific Talks and Industrial Session	Student Conference (Hybrid)	Student Conference (Hybrid)	
10-11 a.m.					
11-12 a.m.				Student Conference (Hybrid)	Student Conference (Hybrid)
12-1 p.m.					
1-2 p.m.				<i>LUNCH</i>	
2-3 p.m.	Opening Session and Keynote Speeches with ECONOS	MPSP + ECONOS Poster Session	PhD Candidate Meeting	Student Conference Closing Session	
3-4 p.m.					
4-5 p.m.		<i>Social Event ECONOS</i>	Student Conference (Hybrid)		
5-6 p.m.					
6-7 p.m.		<i>DINNER</i>		DEPARTURE	
7-8 p.m.		WELCOME and SOCIAL EVENING	<i>FREE EVENING</i>		

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MPSP SPRING SCHOOL PROGRAM

SUN 29.03. – WED 01.04.2026

Berlin calling: It's time to network and exchange
research in Berlin!

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ECONOS 2026 in Harnack House Berlin

(SUNDAY and MONDAY, 29.-30.03.)

ECONOS – European Conference on Nonlinear Spectroscopy

This year's ECONOS is hosted by Friedrich Schiller University Jena from Sunday, 29.03. till Wednesday, 01.04.2026. You have the chance to take part in two keynote sessions on Sunday with different speakers focusing on recent advances in nonlinear and coherent vibrational spectroscopy in complex and functional environments, including combustion and reacting flows, catalytic and electrochemical interfaces, and biological and cellular systems. On Monday, there are scientific talks and an Industrial Session aiming to bring together method developers, application scientists, and metrology experts to advance quantitative, comparable, and physically grounded spectroscopic measurements across disciplines.



Source: <https://www.harnackhaus-berlin.mpg.de/en>

Harnack House Berlin

Since 2000, the Harnack House is conference venue of the Max Planck Society, located in the center of *German Oxford* in Berlin. Originally established as guest house and conference venue of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society in Berlin-Dahlem, the house is a well-known international scientific club.

MPSP + ECONOS POSTER SESSION

(MONDAY, 30.03., 2-4 pm)

As in the previous years, you will again have the chance to exchange ideas on your research in a poster session. This year the poster session will be together with researchers who take part in ECONOS.

We ask all research phase candidates as well as senior study phase candidates (who do not give a talk during the student conference) to prepare a poster about a current research project.

If you would like to use our "Print and Bring" service, please send us your poster with the following criteria by **the 18th of March 2026 at 2pm:**

- **Format:** A0 + 6mm edge
(please leave a 3mm edge around for printing, so it measures 847*1196 mm)
- File type: pdf, tif or jpg
- Make sure it is good quality
- File size: max 10Mb

Please fill in the following form the title of your poster latest until **12:00 on 20.03.2025 (Friday)**, so we can prepare an overview of your posters for the event:
https://forms.office.com/posterlist_springschool2026

By the way, in the Virtual Campus you will also find MPSP templates for your poster design in PPT, which you are welcome to use.



STUDENT CONFERENCE

(TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 31.03.-01.04.)

The success of the student conference really depends on your participation. The conference thrives on student contributions, and we would love to see as many of you as possible take the opportunity to give a talk. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up – we're excited about your contributions!

We strongly encourage all students attending the Spring School to consider giving a talk. It's a supportive and friendly environment, a great chance to practice presenting in a conference setting, and an opportunity to share ideas, experiences, and enthusiasm with your peers. Your talk does not need to present final or “perfect” results – works in progress and ideas are very welcome!

Possible topics include:

- Results from your PhD/Master's project (recommended for senior students)
- Plans or ideas for your PhD/Master's project (recommended for early-stage students)

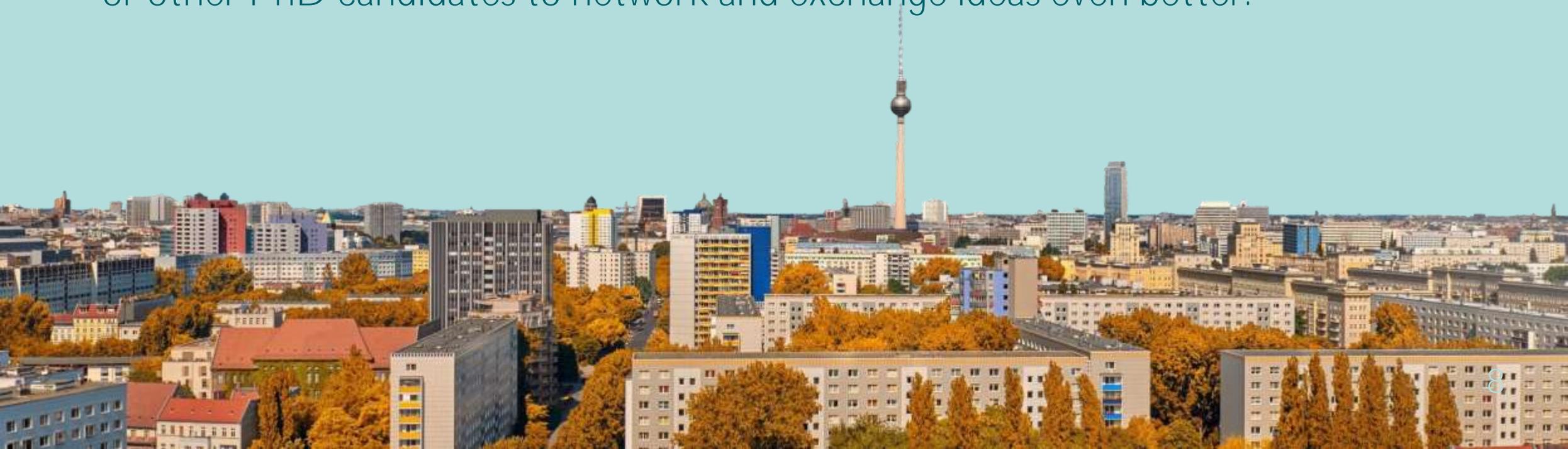


FREE EVENING IN BERLIN

(TUESDAY, 31.03., from 6 pm)

After listening to many interesting scientific lectures, it is about time to go outside for a breath of fresh air. Explore one of the best attractions in Berlin for a nighttime visit: The Reichstag dome for good food and breathtaking views of the city. Or watch the sunset from the TV tower or during a boat trip on the Spree, where you can enjoy a panoramic view while dining.

If you are more interested in cultural activities, then visit one of the comedy clubs in Berlin or the Dark Matter, where you can experience trippy light installations and with the accompanying music. No matter what you do in Berlin: Take advantage of this free evening to do something together with MPSP Fellows or other PhD candidates to network and exchange ideas even better.



MPSP TRAVEL EXPENSES

WHAT TO DO SO WE CAN PAY FOR YOU

PRIOR TO YOUR JOURNEY

Always hand in a Business Travel Request to your employer or University. Both **Study Phase** and **Research Phase** candidates, you'll need to pay for the hotel costs and buy the travel tickets for yourself. You are going to be reimbursed after the event.

Do you have a contract of employment*
with the FSU Jena (Staat Thüringen)?

YES

*with **Hiwi** and/or **Part-time** Contract as well!

NO

- **PhD candidates and Hiwis:** use the SAP-System of FSU Jena and/or the procedure required in your institute to submit a travel expense request
- Use the following PSP-element in the new system:
Z-73-00500-01-17010000
- Do it at least 2 weeks before the travel
- Hand in a Business Travel request at your workplace / institute
- You'll have a guest status at FSU

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AFTER YOUR JOURNEY

WHEN
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- You have a **maximum of 3 months** to hand in your Travel Expense Request, but the FSU Administration usually needs 6-8 weeks to process the requests, so please do it as soon as possible after the travel

WHAT TO
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- Travel Expense Report Form together with all of your invoices and proof of payment

WHAT WE
PAY

- Accommodation (according to the „Städtekatalog“, except for centrally organized events)
- Travel (Train tickets: 2nd Class / own car: 0,20€/km / Taxi: only when it is properly justified; Parking fee)
- Food is NOT reimbursed; if the event is fully catered, no daily allowance is granted
- *Please do not buy tickets for each other!*

You can find detailed information about Business Travels and the downloadable Forms to use on our Virtual Campus under [MPSP Office/General Administrative Resources/Business Travel](#)



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Any questions regarding the
program? Simply send an e-mail:
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