

Call for Applications

Sylke Tempel Fellowship Program 2023/2024

Values in Security Policy

From Military Strength to Feminist Foreign Policy

The Sylke Tempel Fellowship Program

The Sylke Tempel Fellowship Program was set up in 2019 by the German-Israeli Future Forum Foundation (DIZF) in memory of Dr. Sylke Tempel (1963-2017), an extraordinary journalist and person, who was also a member of the DIZF Board of Trustees. In cooperation with our partner organizations - the American Jewish Committee Berlin (AJC), the Bar Ilan University (BIU), the foreign policy journal *Internationale Politik* (IP), Women in International Security Deutschland e.V. (WIIS.de) - Future Forum awards **fellowship grants** of 3,000 Euro each to young individuals from Germany and Israel.

Who are we looking for?

The Sylke Tempel Fellowship is a unique program that brings together journalists, media creatives, young professionals, and academics with the passion to write on issues related to foreign policy in general, and the Israeli-German relations in particular. The applicant(s) must be under 40 years old on the day of application deadline.

If you fit to the description above, we invite you to submit your research proposal that will lead to a meaningful essay. Preference will be given for “Think & Do” texts, rather than theory only. We look for ideas that lead to initiatives and action for a better future. In addition, it is planned to create a podcast series based on the research.

The written essays will be published in a special edition of **Internationale Politik**, a renowned German magazine on Foreign Relations, in both German and English. The essay can be written in either English or German.

The topic

With the expansion of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in 2022, the international security order has been shaken. Security policy and overall questions of security are once again present in public discourse. However, what security policy comprises and how it should be shaped is often disputed. Demands are repeatedly made that not only national and military interests should be defended and secured, but also human security and values that are essential for democratic societies. These include, for example, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and the protection of marginalized groups. This is known as value-based foreign and security policy. One example of a value-based security and foreign policy is feminist foreign policy. Feminist foreign policy questions the military understanding of security and stands for the demand for a more just and peaceful foreign policy as well as for the criticism of the general gender inequality in almost all areas of security policy. Only recently, the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry for Development and Cooperation presented their own guidelines on feminist foreign and security policy. Germany is thus following countries such as Canada, France, Luxembourg, Mexico, and Chile, which have also committed themselves to a feminist foreign policy.

A shift toward this form of values-based or feminist foreign and security policy is currently not evident in Israel. The primary concern of Israeli security policy is to protect the state of Israel from urgent and

existential external threats, which are countered primarily by military means. While more and more countries are committing to ideas of values-based foreign and security policy such as feminist foreign policy, Netanyahu's new government advocates an even stronger military understanding of security.

This year's Sylke Tempel Fellowship Program would like to take these developments and approaches as an opportunity to shed important light on the values and principles associated with security policy from various perspectives.

Leading questions for the application

1. Which values dominate German and/or Israeli security policy? To which values does security policy refer?
2. What are the aspirations and realities of security policy in Germany and Israel? What concrete initiatives can be used to illustrate this?
3. What effects can divergent security concepts have on common global challenges?
4. On which social concepts is security policy based?

The program

- **The program provides its fellows** time and intellectual space to develop their ideas, by a financial support of EUR 3.000.
- Broadcast offers – videos, podcasts, digital exhibitions etc. are welcome and will be equally considered, yet **not** replacing the fellow's need to offer a creative written text for the print edition. A combined proposal (text and broadcast) will grant the fellows with additional EUR 500.
- **Co-authorship:** We are open for co-authorship proposals: single application of 2 persons who will write and submit their text/broadcast together. This will be submitted as one application – with 2 CV's. The sum given is EUR 3000 per article. Single authorships are equally welcomed.
- The successful candidate(s) have to commit to the program rules and timeline of events organized and covered by the Future Forum and the program's partner organizations.
- The due date of the final text is **February 26, 2024** – with workshops prior to it. Our concluding conference will take place in Berlin in June 2024. The costs of travel and accommodation will be reimbursed.

Application:

To apply, please provide us with the following documents:

- CV
- Sylke Tempel was a passionate reader. In her spirit, we are interested in which literary work you recommend us to read - and why.
- motivation letter
- An outline of the planned project (please refer to at least one aspect of the thematic focus described above - max. two pages)

Please send us your application documents in German or English **by April 23rd**, by e-mail **with two separate PDF-files** (One file just for the CV and the second for the rest) to: fellowship@dizf.de.

For any further questions regarding the application, please contact Annika Finken: fellowship@dizf.de.

The Sylke Temple Fellowship stands for democracy, diversity, and cooperation. We promote dialogue and discussion based on mutual respect – even and especially in cases of disagreement. We do not tolerate discrimination, racism, and anti-Semitism of any kind.

For more information on the Fellowship Program, Fellows from previous years and past publications of the program, please visit:

<https://www.dizf.de/english/fellowships/call-for-applications/call-for-applications.html>

