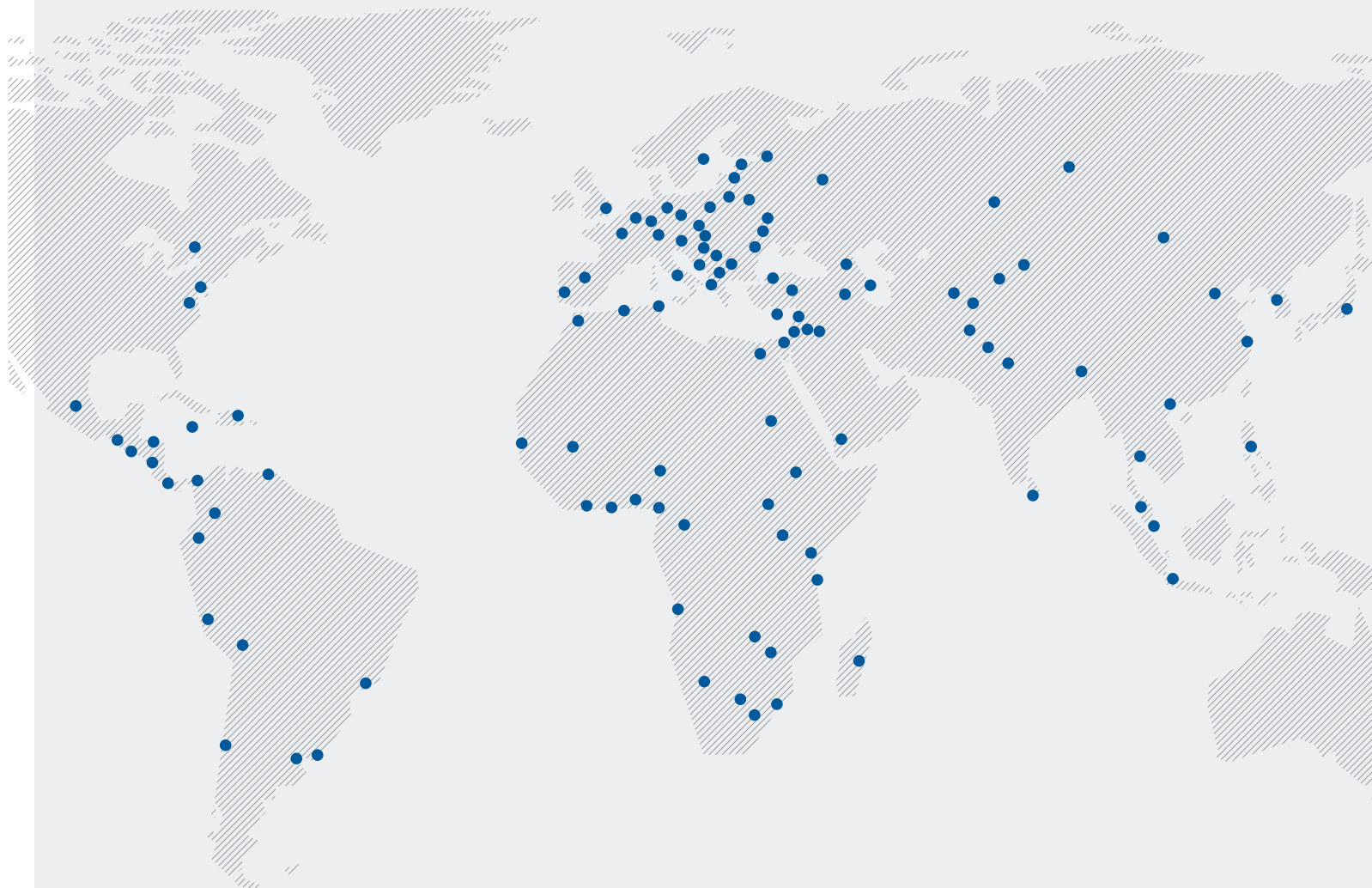


## PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT, MAKING GLOBALIZATION SOCIALLY EQUITABLE

IN OVER 107 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



## FACTS AND FIGURES

617

**employees** in our main offices in Berlin and Bonn, at our political academies, regional and state offices in Germany, and offices throughout the world (2013)

2,730

**graduate, undergraduate, and PhD students** supported with financial assistance and programs, 310 of whom come from abroad (2013)

985

**volumes** in the largest specialty library on the history of the German and international working-class movement. Our website is visited more than 30 million times each year

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MILLION EURO

**budget**, funded primarily by the federal and state governments of Germany (2013)

2,600

**educational seminars**, discussion forums, expert conferences, and exhibitions, which attract over 200,000 participants in Germany (2013)

47,000

METERS

**of documents** demonstrating the rich tradition and history of Social Democracy, the trade unions, and other emancipatory movements and their leading personalities

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# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The aim of the international activities of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is to promote democracy and development, to contribute to peace and security, to work to make globalization socially equitable, and to support the continued development of the European Union.

Through its projects in over 120 countries, the FES supports building and strengthening civil society and public institutions. Central to its work are the promotion of democracy and social justice, economic and social development, strong and free trade unions, and the advocacy of human rights and gender equality.

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
IS FAR TOO IMPORTANT TO BE  
LEFT TO GOVERNMENTS ALONE.**  
Willy Brandt

In recent years, the FES has placed increased emphasis on global and regional issues. Special attention has been given to the process of European integration, European Neighborhood Policy, the continued development of the transatlantic relationship, and strengthening the system of global governance. Worldwide, the FES supports regional cooperative efforts on security issues, ecological sustainability, and social progress.

Through its worldwide network of offices and partners, the FES organizes debates and discussions on current political and social problems and challenges. Its partners include political parties, trade unions, NGOs, think tanks, universities, and state institutions.

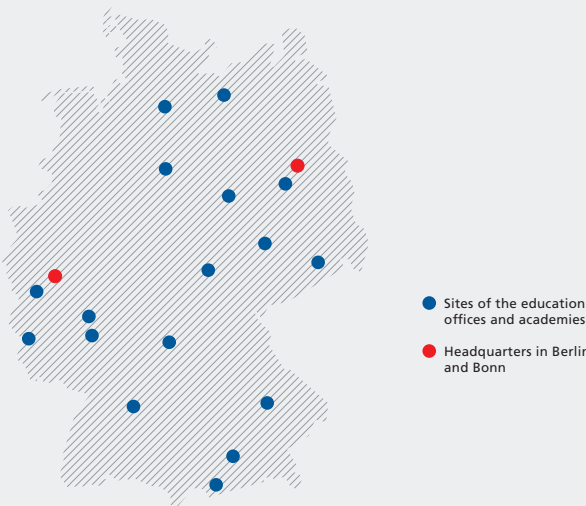
# POLITICAL EDUCATION

The goals that guide the political education work of the FES are to enable and encourage citizens to participate in civil society, the labor movement, and to actively engage in the political process.

The FES offers a wide variety of programs, which aim to inform, qualify, and engage participants. In these programs the FES promotes and enables citizens to make sound and educated political decisions thereby strengthening Social Democracy.

Through its regional discussion forums, workshops, and public dialogues between politicians and civil society, the FES allows citizens to participate more actively and effectively in democratic processes, contributing to the design of social change.

Its network of education offices and academies throughout Germany, special projects, and conference centres in Bonn and Berlin, offer diverse and wide-ranging programs which are also made available online.



# HISTORY

- 1925** The Social Democrat Friedrich Ebert, the first democratically elected president of the first German Republic, dies on February 28th at the age of 54.
- 1925** On March 2nd the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is founded. Its purpose is, in the spirit of Friedrich Ebert, to further the political education of all Germans, regardless of their class, toward democracy, to support financially talented young students, and to promote a better understanding between Germany and other countries.
- 1933** Prohibited by the National Socialists.
- 1946** The FES is refounded.
- 1956** The FES's first adult political education center with boarding facilities is opened.
- 1963** The development cooperation program is launched, financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- 1969** The Archive of Social Democracy and the FES Library are opened in Bonn.
- 1990** FES offices in the new German states and in the states of Middle and Eastern Europe are established.
- 1999** A new conference center is opened in Berlin.
- Today** The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung—the first political foundation in Germany—is a private, non-profit cultural institution committed to the ideals and values of Social Democracy.

# THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF THE FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG

Equal access to education is one of the central goals of the FES. Since it was established, the Stiftung has provided scholarships, which today support 2,650 undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students, both German and foreign, per year. The scholarship program targets gifted young people whose civic engagements embody the shared values of Social Democracy. The program pays special attention to talented students from immigrant backgrounds, students from low-income households, and students who represent the first generation in their family to attend college. Scholarship recipients benefit from financial support, the worldwide FES network, and through access to seminars, workshops, and mentoring.

# ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY

The Archive of Social Democracy and the library preserve the printed and unprinted memory of Social Democracy, the trade unions, and their key figures. The library is one of the largest academic specialty libraries in the world, with its collection of historic and contemporary documentation of the German and international labor and social movements. Many publications of the FES are available via the digital library. The archive cares for one of the largest collections of unpublished material on Social Democracy and trade unions in Germany and Europe, mainly after 1945. The material is researchable through the digital archive.

Through its events and publications, the archive fosters political discourse to raise awareness on both the historic and contemporary significance of Social Democracy and the trade union movement.

# POLICY CONSULTING

A functioning democracy requires the support of an enlightened public sphere, and sustainable political concepts. Through analysis of key issues and challenges, the FES contributes to a sound foundation for public discussion in Germany and throughout the world. The FES also provides policy advice to politicians and trade unions as they work to find viable policy solutions. In so doing the ideals and the values of Social Democracy – freedom, justice and solidarity – remain our primary concern.

Through discussions with experts, workshops and conferences at the regional, national, continental and global level, the FES brings together key figures from politics, trade unions, academia, business, and civil society in order to promote in depth discussion on today's political issues. The policy consulting of the FES—at the interface between academia and political practice—enables political actors to make informed and competent decisions.

**WITHOUT DEMOCRACY THERE CAN BE NO FREEDOM ... TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY, TO RESTORE IT WHERE IT IS UNDER ATTACK, THIS IS THE DUTY OF ALL THOSE WHO LOVE FREEDOM.**  
Friedrich Ebert

The analysis of FES experts and scholars, as well as those commissioned by the FES, are in high demand; these analyses are published in a number of series. They form part of the activities to enhance understanding of the global policy agenda and support public debate on future policy directions.

These publications are available online and are discussed at events.