Postdoctoral Program

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– Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism
  (Prof. Wolfgang Streeck, director at MPIfG)
– European Liberalization Policies
  (research group led by Prof. Martin Höpner)
– Institution Building across Borders
  (research group led by Prof. Sigrid Quack)

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