



## International Studies Programs (B.A./M.A.) Universities of Bonn, Florence and Paris IV (Sorbonne)

- **B.A. German-Italian Studies**  
Bonn-Florence (since 2004/05)
- **B.A. German-French Studies**  
Bonn-Paris IV (Sorbonne) (since 2005/06)
  
- **M.A. German-Italian Studies**  
Bonn-Florence (since 2006/07)
- **M.A. German-French Studies**  
Bonn-Paris IV (Sorbonne) (expected 2008/09)
  
- **M.A. Renaissance-Studies** (interdisciplinary)  
Bonn-Florence (expected 2008/09)





## **International Studies Programs (Doctoral) Universities of Bonn, Florence and Paris IV (Sorbonne)**

→ **German-Italian Doctoral School „Germanistik“**  
Bonn-Florence (since 2003/04)

→ **International Doctoral School „Italianistica“**  
Bonn-Florence-Paris IV (Sorbonne) (since January 2006)

→ **International Doctoral School “European Foundation Myths”**  
Bonn-Florence-Paris IV (Sorbonne) (expected 2008/09)

General aim: construction of a general research triangle Bonn-Florence-Paris



## International Renaissance Studies (M.A.) Universities of Bonn and Florence

- interdisciplinary, international Master Studies Program of the Universities of Bonn and Florence
- duration: 2 years (120 CP)
- start: winter semester 2008/09
- participating departments: **Italian, Medieval and Neo-Latin, Art History**; English, Theology, History, History of Roman and German Law, Philosophy
- studies at least one semester at the partner university
- joint degree (requested)
  
- funding by the DAAD-Program „Integrated International Studies Programs with Joint Degrees“ (preparatory phase)

## **German-Italian Doctoral School „Germanistik“ Universities of Bonn and Florence**

- since 2003
- each year up to five candidates from the Universities of Florence and Bonn respectively, with scholarships
- supervision by a tutor of the home and host university respectively
- regularly held colloquium
- doctoral thesis within three years (two years at the home university, one at the host university)
- mixed commission for final evaluation
- allows to hold both national titles after successful final examination



## **International Doctoral Studies Program “Italianistica” Universities of Bonn, Florence and Paris IV (Sorbonne)**

- since January 2006
- each year eight candidates from the University of Florence and up to four from the Universities of Bonn and Paris IV (Sorbonne) respectively, partly with scholarships
- supervision by a principal tutor of the home university and a secondary tutor of the host university
  
- January until June: course program at the University of Florence
- April: annually rotating Intensive Study Week in Bonn, Florence or Paris
  
- doctoral thesis within three years
- mixed commission for final examination
- allows to hold each of the three national titles after successful final examination

## International Doctoral Studies Program “Italianistica” Personal Experiences I

### Possible advantages

- access to special or rare literature, not available in Germany
- knowledge about the Italian/French academic organization
- knowledge about differences in academic habits (professor-student relationship, academic writing, didactics, ...)
- networking
- specialized tutor
- numerous extra curricular lectures offered by University of Florence
- language practice
- personal growth



## International Doctoral Studies Program “Italianistica” Personal Experiences II

### Possible disadvantages

- financial insecurity for non-scholarship candidates
- organizational disadvantages (hassle of administrative and practical procedures like enrolment, finding housing, library access and policies, Italian photocopying policy, etc. )
- structural disadvantages (my theoretical part would have come first, but better done in Germany and hence postponed to 2nd semester)
- personal disadvantages (friends, family)
- intercultural incomprehension (Italian profs are not keen on theory)
- long-distance communication with principal tutor
- different opinions of primary and secondary tutor
- high profile program with the according pressure on participants