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Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script" (SCRIPTS) with Prof. Dr. Gwendolyn Sasse as Principal Investigator has been approved

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### *Global Challenges for the Model of Liberal Democracy and Market Economy*

After the end of the Cold War, liberal democracy seemed to have prevailed for good. Today, 25 years later, however, the liberal model of political and economic order faces a profound crisis. The Cluster of Excellence [\*Contestations of the Liberal Script \(SCRIPTS\)\*](#) analyzes the contemporary controversies about the liberal order from a historical, global, and comparative perspective. What are the causes of the current contestations of the liberal script, and what are the consequences for the global challenges of the 21st century? The Cluster connects the academic expertise in the social sciences and area studies in Berlin, and thereby bridges prevailing methodological and institutional divides. In addition to Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, the Centre for East European and International Studies, the German Institute for Economic Research, the German Institute of Global and Area Studies, the Hertie School of Governance, and the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient are participating in the Cluster. Based on research collaborations with universities in all world regions, SCRIPTS addresses the diversity of the contestations and their interconnections. At the same time, the Cluster maintains close cooperative ties with major political and cultural institutions.

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