

Germany-wide, we are the central institution for military-related sociological research.

As a department research body, we work for the Federal Ministry of Defence, all by respecting and contributing to the sciences' progress.

We provide the necessary sociological expertise for the Bundeswehr being in a transformation process and in a changing situation regarding security and military policy.

By our problem-oriented contract research work, we contribute to the further development of social sciences and humanities, particularly on the field of military-related sociology.

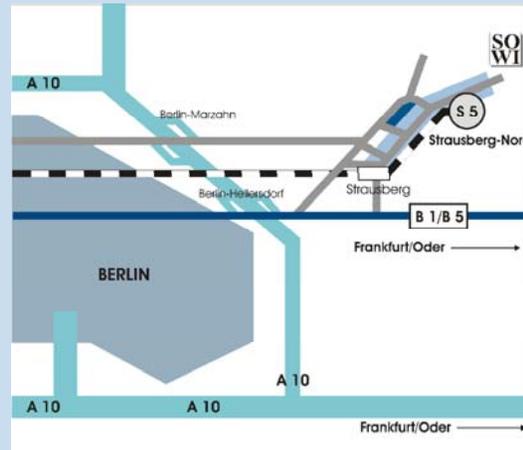
We work in a multidisciplinary way within a network of national and international research bodies and take care to develop these contacts .

We guarantee the quality of our products and services due to the high professional competence and motivation of our scholars.

The Institute is located at Strausberg, about 40 km east of Berlin.

Approach: From Berlin by suburban train S5 to terminus Strausberg-Nord (in 40 min. intervals, via Zoologischer Garten, Hauptbahnhof, Friedrichstraße, Ostbahnhof, Lichtenberg).

By car: via Interstate B1/5 direction Frankfurt/Oder, then country road L303 to Strausberg-Nord.



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**Bundeswehr Institute
of Social Sciences**

The Bundeswehr Institute of Social Sciences ...

- is a department research body of the Federal Government.
- deal, contracted by the Federal Ministry of Defence, with military-related sociological research for the Bundeswehr.
- render advisory functions for the political and military leadership by mostly empirically designed research projects, by expertises, and experts' opinions.
- perform applied research work as well as the related basics, including the development of theories and methods.
- work pursuant to the principle of liberty of scientific research, bound within national and international scientific structures and networks.
- work with 15 social scientist in a multidisciplinary way under the board of a director and two project directors.

The main research fields of the Institute are:

- ▷ Annual opinion poll among the population regarding opinions on and attitudes towards security and military policy
- ▷ Annual youth poll on interests in a vocational Bundeswehr career
- ▷ Annual poll within the armed forces with changing topics and focuses
- ▷ Sociological accompaniment of the Bundeswehr's missions abroad
- ▷ Multinational structures of armed forces and European integration
- ▷ Economic modernization of the Bundeswehr
- ▷ Armed forces in the post-heroic society
- ▷ Accompanying study on vocational biographies of officer students
- ▷ Women in the Bundeswehr
- ▷ Ethics and *Innere Führung*

The essential services rendered by the Institute are ...

- Contributions to decision-making bases for the political leaders and the Bundeswehr's military command.
- Recommendations to the political and military leadership as well as to selected command and function levels of the Bundeswehr.
- Elaboration and presentation of research results for the scientific and political world as well as the public in general.
- Lectureship at Bundeswehr institutions as well as universities and scientific institutions in the country and abroad.
- Arrangement of scientific conferences and symposia.
- Networking of military-related sociological research on the national and international scale.

Publications

- Research Reports
- FORUM International
- Yearbooks
- Book series at VS-Verlag
- SOWI-Newsletter