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**Topics for Master's theses**

Topic	Brief description and research question	Requirements	Support from us through...	
<p>Development of civic attitudes and behaviors among the mentors of Balu and Du (Miriam Schwarzenthal)</p>	<p>The mentoring program Balu und Du e.V. (<a href="https://www.balu-und-du.de/">https://www.balu-und-du.de/</a>) contributes to fostering equality of opportunity and educational justice. Elementary school students (Moglis) are accompanied for one year by a mentor (Balu). In a longitudinal study covering overall two years, we want to find out if engagement as a Balu can contribute to civic attitudes and behaviors in the short and long term, that can eventually contribute to equality of opportunity. Among others, we are interested in the following research questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the mentors (Balus) show higher awareness of educational inequalities and more actions aimed at reducing these inequalities in the short and long term (compared to a control group)?</li> <li>• How do experiences during the mentoring (e.g., self efficacy) contribute to the changes described above?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support in recruiting the control group of high school students for the study starting Fall 2025</li> <li>• Simple analyses (e.g., correlations, regressions, t-tests) in SPSS/JASP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of the questionnaire</li> <li>• Central literature references</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohort of the student Balus (N = 100-120): Survey starting fall 2025</li> </ul>