

Research Ethics at the WZB

The WZB Research Ethics Policy and Procedures and internal Research Ethics Committee of the WZB exist since 2016. The Committee reviews new research projects prior to their implementation and decides on their feasibility in terms of research ethics. Its members are part of the Committee for 2 years and meet on a monthly basis. Reappointment is possible once.

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