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2 University Assistants (praec doc) at the Department of Political Science under the supervision of Dorothee Bohle (comparative politics/Eastern and South-Eastern Europe)

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Job description:
Participation in research, teaching and administration in the field of comparative politics/Eastern and South-Eastern Europe:
• Participation in research projects and research funding applications
• Participation in publications / academic articles / presentations
• We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12-18 months.
• Participation in teaching and teaching courses independently according to the collective bargaining agreement
• Supervision of students
• Participation in the organisation of meetings, conferences, symposia
• Participation in the department administration as well as in teaching and research administration

Profile:
• University degree (master’s degree or equivalent degree) in the field of political science or a similar discipline with a focus on political science
• Specialisation in an area of comparative politics (e.g. comparative democratisation, comparative authoritarianism, comparative political economy, comparative migration studies)
• Familiarity with comparative politics research on Eastern Europe and/or South Eastern Europe
• Good knowledge of qualitative methods. Competence in quantitative methods is an advantage
• Didactic competence
• Excellent command of English, and ideally German. Knowledge of an East/South-East European language is an advantage. Applicants who do not know German are encouraged to develop appropriate language skills.
• Ability to work in a team

More information

Duration of employment: 4 years
Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week
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