

The Geschwister-Scholl Institute of Political Science at the LMU Munich invites applications for

1 position as PhD candidate

(TV-L E 13, 65%, 3 years).

The position is available from the 01st of October 2017 as part of the research project "Religion and morality policy – An analysis of the influence of religious groups during the implementation stage", which is headed by Professor Christoph Knill und Professor Christian Joppke (University of Berne). This project aims to assess the engagement of religious communities (e.g. Catholic Church, Protestant Church, Muslim religious communities and related welfare organizations) during the implementation process of morality policies (i.e., assisted suicide, religious education, prostitution, same-sex partnership rights). The focus is on six Western European countries with different church-state regimes and distinct legal provisions for non-immigrant and immigrant religions, in particular Islam (i.e., Denmark, Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belgium and France). The German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Swiss Research Foundation (SNF) provide funding for the project jointly for a time period of 3 years.

Responsibilities

- Conducting interviews with representatives of the relevant religious community in three different countries (e.g., Denmark, Germany, United Kingdom).
- Collecting secondary data and contributing to development of coding scheme and a countryand policy-comparative database.
- Co-authorship of project publications and presentations at international conferences.
- Development of a PhD dissertation in the realm of the research project.
- Coordination of and cooperation with student research assistants.
- Collaboration with the project team at the University of Berne.

Required qualifications

- Completed, very good MA degree in political science or public administration.
- Very good knowledge of research in the fields of (comparative) public-policy analysis and/or "religion and politics".
- Solid training in research design and empirical methods in social sciences (quantitative methods and qualitative methods of data analysis).
- Fluency in English is an essential requirement; basic or good knowledge of Danish would be an asset.
- Reliability, flexibility, and passion about scientific work.

We offer

- Employment for a time period of 3 years (TV-L E 13, 65%).
- Highly interesting and promising research environment at an excellent German university and an experienced research team.
- International research team with the opportunity for short-term research stays abroad.
- Support in advanced vocational training with regard to research methods.

LMU Munich is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity, and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. Applicants with disabilities who possess essentially equal qualifications will be given preference.

If you have any question, please contact Dr. Eva-Maria Euchner (<u>eva-maria.euchner@gsi.lmu.de</u>). Please email your application with a letter of motivation, CV, copies of your degrees and language certificates (if applicable), and a paper of at least 5 pages (either outline of the planned doctoral thesis or a paper you plan on writing in the context of the project) to: Secretary Chair Prof. Dr. Knill <u>sekretariat.knill@gsi.uni-muenchen.de</u> by 1st of March 2017.