



PhD candidate position at the Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS) Erkner

The Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Erkner (near Berlin) invites applicants for a

PhD candidate position (50%)

in the research department “Dynamics of Economic Spaces” for the research project “Resilient responses to crises: The role of expert advice in creating and exploiting opportunities in the course of crises”, funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The position will be funded until 30th September 2020 (starting date: as soon as possible), pending the final decision of the funding institution. The salary is based on the German federal public service scale (50% TV-L E 13).

Tasks: The candidate will collect and analyse longitudinal qualitative data about courses of crises from the fields of economy, environment and politics. On the basis of three “crisis biographies”, the course of a crisis should be reconstructed through time and space in order to strengthen a process perspective on crises and their situational dynamics. The selected crises should entail structural changes. The project focuses particularly on the role of external advisors in discovering, creating and exploiting such “opportunities” for change. Additionally, the successful candidate will substantially contribute to a literature analysis on the spatio-temporality of crises, as well as to the development of a practical guide about “advice under crisis conditions”.

Prerequisites: Excellent university degree (master level) in the areas organisation sciences, political sciences, management, social sciences or economic or human Geography. Profound knowledge of qualitative social research is necessary. Ideally, the successful candidate has advanced knowledge about social scientific concepts of crises (crisis theory, crisis management etc.), as well as about at least one of the three areas of activity (economy, environment, politics) to be analysed. The successful candidate should be fluent in written and spoken English and also be able to communicate in German effectively (as fieldwork will take place in Germany). The position requires the ability to work autonomously and interest in research in an interdisciplinary environment. The capability and intention to achieve a doctoral degree are requirements.

The IRS is explicitly admitted to the principle of equal opportunities. Women are especially encouraged to apply. Handicapped people will be preferentially considered in case of equivalent qualifications. The IRS supports the compatibility of career and family and was certified as a family-oriented employer in 2015.

Please submit your application with the reference number 4117 (including CV, copies of certificates, list of publications and a publication if available) until October, 5th 2017 online (max. 2 pdf's, do not exceed 2MB) to:

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