

Position Announcement – Comparative Sociology and Japanese Studies

The Institute of Sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, invites applications for a full-time position at the rank of assistant professor (Salary group W 1), in

Comparative Sociology and Japanese Society.

The position is non-tenure-track. The successful candidate will have completed an excellent dissertation in either sociology or Japan Studies on an important dimension of social change in contemporary Japanese society or in comparative perspective, bring strong teaching competence and field research experience in the study of the Japanese society, demonstrated through a record of peer reviewed publications. The ability to teach and conduct research in the Japanese and English languages is required. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to innovative teaching methods and to the English language academic exchange programs.

The successful candidate will be coopted as a member of the newly established Research Training Group *Risk and East Asia*, funded by the German Research Council, and contribute to the research of the group on risk and insitutional change with an independent project addressing one of the sub-themes of the program: market transformations, individualization, decentralization or transnationalisation.

Teaching duties cover two courses per semester (4 hours), which will be spread over the Comparative Sociology focus of the BA and MA Sociology, the Japanese Society module of the MA Contemporary East Asian Studies and the structured doctoral course of the Research Training Group *Risk and East Asia*. The successful candidate is also expected to contribute actively to the workshops and events planned as part of the Research Training Group.

Assistant Professorships without tenure-track receive an initial appointment for three years. Upon successful evaluation, the position may be extended for an additional three years.

East Asian Studies at the University Duisburg-Essen follows an interdisciplinary area studies model combining social scientific excellence with East Asian language and regional expertise. IN-EAST offers an internationally oriented curricular and research environment with strong links to partner universities in Europe and East Asia.

Further information about this position can be found on the IN-EAST homepage www.uni-due.de/in-east/.

The University of Duisburg-Essen aims to increase the number of women among its academic staff and therefore encourages applications from suitably qualified female scholars.

Their qualifications being equal, disabled persons will be given preference.

Applications, together with supporting documents (curriculum vitae, list of academic publications, certified copies of academic degrees, details of previous teaching activities and participation in academic administration) are to be submitted by August 31, 2009 to **Prof. Karen Shire PhD, Speaker, Research Training Group *Risk and East Asia*, Institute of East Asian Studies**, University of Duisburg-Essen, Campus Duisburg, 47048 Duisburg. Copies of publications and letters of recommendation are not requested as part of the initial application.