

Wir sind eine junge, innovative Universität mitten in der Metropole Ruhr. Ausgezeichnet in Forschung und Lehre denken wir in Möglichkeiten statt in Grenzen und entwickeln Ideen mit Zukunft. Wir leben Vielfalt, fördern Potentiale und engagieren uns für Bildungsgerechtigkeit, die diesen Namen verdient.

The University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)

is looking to recruit, within the BMBF-funded competence network “African Non-military Conflict Intervention Practices” (ANCIP, PI Prof. Dr. Christof Hartmann),

Two research associates/doctoral candidates (m/f/d)

(65%),

Pay group TV-L 13,
for a period of four years.

The goals of the competence network ANCIP are the development of an online database of non-military interventions by African regional organizations (AU and RECs), the empirical reconstruction of intervention practices and routines of African actors, and corresponding theory-building. In the competence network, researchers at the University of Leipzig, the University of Duisburg-Essen and Peace and Research Institute Frankfurt (HSFK) will work together with an extended network of international partners in Europe and Africa.

Two projects of the competence network will be conducted at INEF.

Project I deals with the emergence and dynamics of regional and national infrastructures for peace (RI4P, NI4P) in West Africa, i.e. the systematic mapping and analysis of different forms of formal and informal coordination and network building of local actors with national and regional institutions in the field of early warning and conflict transformation, and of their potential role within a broader portfolio of non-military intervention practices.

The objective of **Project II** is a better understanding of the international environment and linkages of non-military conflict interventions of regional actors in Africa. We will be particularly interested in analysing how the interactions between African actors and institutions and their international partners as well as with their local mediators shape the dynamics and results of conflict interventions.

Your main tasks

- Development and Implementation of a study on regional infrastructures for peace (I) or the international linkages of non-military conflict intervention practices (II)
- Participation in the joint evaluation of research results as well as the activities of the network, including knowledge transfer to decision-makers and the organization of workshops
- Presentation of research results at academic conferences and preparation of academic publications as single and co-author
- The position as well as the respective project can be used for your own academic qualification (doctoral dissertation)

Your Profile:

- A very good university degree in political science, peace and conflict studies, African studies or another social science qualifying for a doctorate at a German university
- Research interest in the field of African regional organizations, interventions, mediation;
- Regional focus on Africa demonstrated through internships or research stays;
- Knowledge of French to independently conduct research in Francophone Africa;

- Good knowledge of qualitative social science methods;
- Ability to work independently, ability to work in a team, willingness to undertake several months of field research and travel activities within the framework of the competence network.
- confident use of standard digital tools
- Very good oral and written English language skills
- German language skills are not required However, it is expected that the applicant shows willingness to acquire basic German language skills within the next one to two years.

We offer

- INEF is one of Germany's leading think tanks in the field of peace and conflict studies
- Membership in a collaborative research network bringing together several German research institutions cooperating with African and European partner organisations within a theoretically innovative and practically relevant thematic area.
- A self-determined work schedule with flexible working hours
- Opportunity to participate in international and national conferences
- Field research stays
- Opportunity to participate in internal and external training programs
- Company ticket
- Sports and health offers (university sports)

The position is subject to the final approval of third-party funding by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).

Date of appointment: 01.04.2022

Contract duration: 4 years

Working hours: 65 percent of a full-time position

Application deadline: 13.01.2022

The University of Duisburg-Essen pursues the goal of promoting the diversity of its members(see <http://www.uni-due.de/diversity>).

The University of Duisburg-Essen aims to increase the proportion of women among its academic staff and therefore strongly encourages relevantly qualified women to apply. In accordance with the State Equal Opportunity Act, women will be given preferential consideration if their qualifications are equal.

Applications from suitable severely disabled persons and persons of equal status as defined by § 2 para. 3 SGB IX are welcome.

Please send your application with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of all relevant degree certificates, and a maximum five-page synopsis of a planned or already running doctoral project in the thematic focus of the competence network as a PDF by e-mail to Dr Cornelia Ulbert (cornelia.ulbert@uni-due.de), quoting the reference number 963-21, and clearly indicating to which of the two positions you want to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Christof Hartmann at christof.hartmann@uni-due.de. Unfortunately, application costs cannot be covered.

For information about the faculty and the posting office, please visit: https://www.uni-due.de/inef/index_en.php

