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The **University of Duisburg-Essen** is looking for

**one postdoctoral researcher (f/m/d),  
pay group 13 TV-L (100%)**

at the **Duisburg Campus** to collaborate in the project "**Protest Groups in the Aftermath of Mass Protest Campaigns against the State**" (Principal Investigator: PD Dr. Johannes Vüllers) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), which is funded by the German Research Foundation.

The research project examines the impact of mass protest campaigns on organizations that have both actively participated in the protest campaign itself or have not been directly involved in the campaign. To date, we know little about how the success or failure of mass protest campaigns affects these organizations in the short to medium term. This project aims to help fill this research gap by developing a theoretical model and testing it empirically using a mixed-methods approach. This approach includes (1) a global quantitative analysis, (2) a subnational quantitative analysis of organizations in Nepal, and (3) interviews with activists in Nepal to explore underlying causal mechanisms. The project contributes to research on contentious politics, particularly mass protests, civil resistance, and democratic transitions, with a focus on the organizational level.

**Your main tasks**

- Assisting in the preparation and coding of the global data set and further coding of existing data on Nepal
- Coordination of the support staff involved in the data collection process
- Conducting field research in Nepal with the support of the local partner institute
- Independent and collaborative statistical analyses of event data
- Preparation of scientific publications in sole and co-authorship, especially international journal articles in English
- Participation in the presentation of research results at national and international conferences
- Within the thematic framework of the project, own priorities can be set.

**Your profile**

- Very good university degree in the social sciences and a completed promotion in political science or sociology
- Relevant previous experience in quantitative methods
- In-depth knowledge in the field of social movements and protest research is an advantage. The willingness to familiarize oneself with the case of Nepal is a prerequisite.
- Willingness to undertake two field research visits to Nepal
- Willingness to participate in international and national conferences
- Very good English language skills, German language skills are desirable
- Ability to work independently and in a team

**We offer**

- A self-determined work schedule with flexible working hours
- No teaching obligation
- Opportunity to participate in international and national conferences
- Field research stay in Nepal
- Opportunity to participate in internal and external training programs
- Company ticket
- Sports and health offers (university sports)

**Date of appointment:** 01.03.2022

**Contract duration:** 3 years

**Working hours:** 100 percent of a full-time position

**Application deadline:** 14.01.2022

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 one-page cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of all relevant degree certificates, a writing sample and two reference contacts as a PDF by e-mail to Johannes Vüllers ([johannes.vuellers@uni-due.de](mailto:johannes.vuellers@uni-due.de)), quoting the reference number 928-21. If you have any questions, please contact Johannes Vüllers at [johannes.vuellers@uni-due.de](mailto:johannes.vuellers@uni-due.de).

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