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Information for applicants  
for the W1 professorship (with tenure track)

**"Transnational cooperation and Migration  
Research "**

in the Faculty of Social Sciences

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## I. THE UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN

Located in the heart of the Ruhr metropolis, the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) is one of the youngest and largest universities in Germany. The courses range from the humanities and social sciences over economics and business studies all the way to the engineering sciences and natural sciences (including medicine). It's also wellknown in the international scientific community.

### **Top positions**

This is reflected by the top positions the UDE has recently achieved in international rankings. In a global comparison of the performance of the best universities founded since the turn of the millennium, the UDE came in third. In the Times Higher Education Ranking, it holds down 13th place among the best 150 universities worldwide younger than 50 years old.

### **Main research areas**

The research carried out at the UDE covers a broad spectrum including four cross-departmental main research areas: nanosciences, biomedical sciences, urban systems and transformation of contemporary societies. More than 43,000 students from over 130 countries are enrolled at the UDE in a total of over 230 courses of study. An important objective of the UDE's diversity management program is to offer equal opportunities to young people from non-academic backgrounds.

### **Partnerships & coalitions**

As an academic global player, the UDE cultivates partnerships with more than 100 universities all over the world. It is a member of the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr), a strategic coalition formed by the three universities in the Ruhr area. The UA Ruhr operates liaison offices in North America, Russia, and Latin America.

### **Learn more:**

[https://www.uni-due.de/imperia/md/content/dokumente/ppt/ppt\\_praesentation\\_ude\\_en.pdf](https://www.uni-due.de/imperia/md/content/dokumente/ppt/ppt_praesentation_ude_en.pdf)

## II. THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Social Sciences currently has about 190 scientists, including 29 professors and about 160 scientific staff members, 35 further employees and more than 3,000 students, making it one of the largest faculties of social science nationwide. The faculty forms the learning unit "social sciences".

The faculty is primarily based at the Duisburg campus, whereas teacher training takes place at the Essen campus. For this purpose, the professorship for didactics of social sciences and the course office for the social science teacher training courses are also located at the Essen campus.

The faculty is composed of the following institutes

- Institute of Political Science (IfP)
- Institute of Sociology (IfS)
- Institute of Socio-Economics (IfSO)

The faculty also includes the

- Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)
- Institute for Work, Skills and Training (IAQ)

In addition, the NRW School of Governance and the Käthe Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research represent two further nationally and internationally visible research units embedded in the faculty. At the same time, there is a strong interlinkage with the IN-EAST Institute of East Asian Studies, both within the research context (including the "Risk and East Asia" Graduate College) and with regard to the East Asian Studies programs, which the faculty is responsible for.

Likewise, there is a close intertwining with the research profile area "Transformation of contemporary societies" of the UDE. However, the research profile area is university-wide and is based on the established social science research structures of the UDE, through which a variety of disciplines such as sociology, educational science, economics, political science and others are more involved. In addition to colleagues from other faculties, members of the Faculty of Social Sciences assume a central role in the direction, coordination and content-related design of the research profile area.

Research and teaching follow an interdisciplinary understanding of social sciences.

Within the scope of research, the volume of external funding of the faculty has steadily increased over the last few years to more than €5 million p.a. (2015: around €5.4 million, 2016: around €7 million).



As far as teaching is concerned, the faculty pursues innovative and student-centered approaches, such as the Center for information and counseling (IBZ) of the faculty, the mentoring program, the project week for the study start (BA study programs), the Spring School of the faculty (interdisciplinary), course progress analyses as well as a continuous development of study programs (among others within the university-wide BMBF Project "Educational equity in focus"). Once a year, central topics of teaching and study program development are discussed on the faculty-wide day of teaching.

The faculty currently offers the following study programs

- B.A. Political Science
- B.A. Sociology
- B.A. Global and Transnational Sociology
- M.A. Policy Management, Public Policy and Public Administration
- M.A. International Relations and Development Policy
- M.A. Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition
- M.A. Development and Governance
- M.A. Public Policy
- M.A. Sociology
- M.A. Survey Methodology
- B.A. Modern East Asian Studies
- M.A. Modern East Asian Studies
- M.A. Contemporary East Asian Studies
- Bachelor/Master of Education in Social Sciences: BA / MA for secondary and comprehensive schools (HRSGe) as well as for high schools and comprehensive schools (Gy / Ge)

Further information at: <https://www.uni-due.de/gesellschaftswissenschaften/>

### III. THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY

With 14 professors and more than 50 academic staff members, the Institute of Sociology deals with a wide range of topics and issues. These research activities can be grouped into five clusters: One focuses on issues related to labor, organization and social integration. Another focal point is the analysis of social inequalities in the context of family, forms of life and gender. Moreover, further research activities can be summarized in the cluster comparison of societies and transnationalization. In a fourth focus, the Institute of Sociology deals with the development and research of advanced methods of empirical social research. In addition, intensive work is being done on the further development of social theories.

There is a lively exchange between the scientists of the institute as well as different joint research activities. A number of current projects is currently bundled under the research priority "Cross-border Labor Markets". The objective of the research topic is to investigate phenomena of the transnationalization of labor in three respects: first, with regard to the transnational mobility of labor, secondly with regard to the transnationalization of production sites and workplaces, and third, with regard to the transnational mobility of labor activities. These activities are part of the superordinate research profile area "Transformation of contemporary societies" of the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Overall, the research activities at the IfS share a clear empirical orientation and a special interest in international comparisons (not least with non-European societies). Here, both quantitative and qualitative research approaches are pursued; many research activities also relate to the life course approach and adopt a multi-level perspective as a methodological basis.

The institute cooperates with non-university research institutions and maintains relationships with other sociological institutes at the national level and abroad. The international exchange of students and staff has a high priority.

The institute offers a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Sociology, as well as the Bachelor's program on Global and Transnational Sociology and the Master's program on Survey Methodology.

The Bachelor courses provide students with basic social science training that allows them to specialize in one of five areas: Methods of Empirical Social Research; Work, Occupation and Organization; Social Inequality; Comparative and Transnational Sociology.

The internationally oriented Master's program in Sociology offers the opportunity to set priorities in terms of content and methodology in important areas of the analysis of modern contemporary societies, including the consequences of globalization on work and knowledge society. Three specializations are available in the Master's program: 1) Globalization and Transnationalization; 2) Work, Occupation and Organization; 3) Advanced Methods of Empirical Social Research.

The institute also participates in the social science teacher training. The existing training programs will be complemented in the future by doctoral studies, thus further developing the three-stage training.

Further information can be found on the website of the institute:  
[www.uni-due.de/soziologie](http://www.uni-due.de/soziologie)

## **IV. THE KÄTE HAMBURGER KOLLEG / CENTRE FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION RESEARCH**

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research is a central research institute of the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE). The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has been funding the facility since February 2012. Following a positive evaluation, funding for the period 2018-2024 has been extended. The Centre is headed by Prof. Dr. Sigrid Quack, Prof. Dr. Tobias Debiel, Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner and Prof. Dr. Jan Aart Scholte.

The international Centre deals with the question of how global cooperation in the 21st century is possible under the conditions of polycentric governance and cultural diversity and it aims to explore conditions, mechanisms and dynamics of global order formation in the world society. In the second funding phase, starting in February 2018, cooperative dynamics, obstacles and pitfalls will be examined from four complementary research perspectives:

- Pathways and mechanisms of global cooperation
- Global cooperation and polycentric governance
- Critique, justification and legitimacy in global cooperation
- Global cooperation and competing conceptions of world order

At the same time, research will focus on four empirical issue areas where global cooperation is very urgent but also very difficult. Therefore, global governance will be analyzed with regard to the governance of climate change, peacekeeping, the internet and migration.

The Centre offers an interdisciplinary learning and research context in which scientists from a wide range of disciplines, including the social, human and life sciences, work together. At the same time, the Centre relies on the cooperation of scientists from all regions of the world as well as interaction with experts who contribute their practical experiences from international fields of cooperation. Since its foundation in February 2012, 107 fellows from 30 countries have visited the Centre in Duisburg.

For more information, see: <http://www.gcr21.org/>



## **V. THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE FOR INTEGRATION AND MIGRATION RESEARCH (InZentIM)**

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research (InZentIM) explores how integration and migration can be understood theoretically and empirically in terms of labor, education, health, culture and politics, law, religion and language. The Centre is regionally anchored and at the same time nationally and internationally oriented. More than 60 scientists from many disciplines and faculties are already researching and teaching on integration and migration at the University of Duisburg-Essen today. The InZentIM aims to visualize, link and expand this special scientific competence, which also gathers expertise relevant to public discourse and decision-making.

More information can be found on the Center's website: <http://www.inzentim.de/>

## **VI. JOB REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Research**

The successful candidate should have a proven track record of conceptual contributions and empirical research in the fields of “Political Sociology of Migration” and/or “Migration Governance” with an orientation towards conflict and cooperation in transnational migration. A clear link to sociological research questions, such as the social sources, dynamics and consequences of cross-border migration regimes and migration-related conflicts, as well as the role of migrant organizations and networks in global migration governance, is required. A transnational perspective and the inclusion of countries of transit and origin in the analysis is desirable.

The successful candidate should have completed a very good dissertation in a social science discipline or on a sociological topic. Publications in the field of expertise in peer-reviewed expert journals expected, especially in leading international expert journals, are required.

The successful candidate will represent the research area at the Institute of Sociology. She/He will develop research projects in the context of the interdisciplinary Käte Hamburger Kolleg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research as well as of the Main Research Area Transformation of Contemporary Societies and/or the Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration research (InZentIM).

Experience in applying for and obtaining competitive third-party research funding is welcome, as are international research experience and qualifications in academic management.

The willingness to participate in the academic self-administration is implied.

### **2. Teaching**

The successful candidate will contribute courses to the BA and MA study programs in sociology and the study program in teacher training for the social sciences. Pedagogical aptitude in teaching sociology is required, as is the willingness to teach German and English-speaking courses. The University of Duisburg-Essen places great emphasis on the quality of teaching. Candidates must present didactical concepts for teaching - with consideration of the profile of the University Duisburg-Essen. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to innovative teaching methods.

Teaching requirements currently are four hours of teaching during the first and five hours of teaching during the second employment stage of the Junior Professorship.

### **3. Further requirements**

For research and teaching, oral and written fluency in English is indispensable. We expect that the successful candidate will have some knowledge of German at the time of application. We further expect that within three years, the successful candidate will attain the level of linguistic proficiency required to offer courses in German language and participate in academic self-administration. The University provides support for learning German.

## **VII. EQUIPMENT**

### **1. Staffing**

- Proportional usage of a secretarial pool at the Institute of Sociology
- After positive evaluation as W2 professor: budget for a research position, TV-L 13 (50%)

### **2. Spatial equipment**

Room for the professor as well as workspace for the researcher.

### **3. Current resources**

Current resources are recalculated on the basis of the annual allocations by the rectorate under the respective distribution procedures at the Institute of Sociology. At present, the funds amount to about 3,000 EUR per year.

### **4. Infrastructure**

The professorship has access to scientific services in the fields of course planning, examination, and graduate support, which the faculty offers and provides professionally with its knowledgeable staff and working areas.

## VIII. LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND SALARY

The junior professorship is a *Salary Class Group W1 LBesO W position with Tenure Track as per W2*.

The hiring requirements comply with § 36 of the University Directive North-Rhine Westphalia (HG). Employment is contingent on the presentation of the corresponding requirements for temporary civil service. The duration of employment complies with § 39 Sect. 5 HG.

The HG is available online:

[https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br\\_text\\_anzeigen?v\\_id=1000000000000000654](https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br_text_anzeigen?v_id=1000000000000000654)

Salary scales for W1, W2 and W3 positions in North-Rhine Westphalia are available online:

<http://www.lbv.nrw.de/beztab/beso.php>

Further information on salary scales for professors in North-Rhine Westphalia are available online:

[https://www.uni-due.de/verwaltung/organisation/peo\\_links.php](https://www.uni-due.de/verwaltung/organisation/peo_links.php)

<http://www.hochschulverband.de/cms/index.php?id=296>

The University of Duisburg-Essen pursues the objective of promoting the diversity of its members (see <https://www.uni-due.de/diversity>). The university strives for an increase of the share of women among the academic staff and therefore emphatically invites qualified women to apply. In case of identical qualifications, female candidates will be considered with preference as per the measure of the Equal Opportunities Act. Applications from qualified severely disabled persons and equivalents as per § 2 Sect. 3 SGB IX are welcome.