

The **Professorship for International Integration of Eastern Europe (Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich) at the Institute of Political Science in the Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies** is contracted by the German Research Foundation (DFG) to advance a research project titled *“Understanding Eurasian Regionalism – Actorness and Interaction in Economy and Security”*. The University invites applications for a **part-time position to the extent of 65 % full-time equivalent** for a

Research Assistant (m/f/d)

for 36 months beginning as of now. The salary of the position is determined by payment group E 13 according to the collective labor agreement of the State of Hesse (TV-H).

The research project is jointly implemented in cooperation with the Professorship for Politics of the Institute of East European Studies at the Free University of Berlin (Prof. Dr. Alexander Libman).

The research objective is to enhance our understanding of regional organisations (ROs) in the post-Soviet Eurasian space. The project will examine the security and economic fields of regional integration among the seven largest Eurasian ROs. The team at Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) will focus on the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). To achieve the empirical and theoretical goals of the project, we intend to use a mixed-methods research design.

Your responsibilities:

- Systematization of the relevant literature and participation in the development of the conceptual research framework
- Empirical analysis and fieldwork related to the topic of the project
- Collection of qualitative data generated within the framework of the project
- Close cooperation with all project participants in the analysis of research findings and the drafting of publications for international journals and research reports
- Presentation of research results in scientific conferences and workshops
- Support in project management

The pursuit of a doctorate relevant to the chair is encouraged alongside the duties of project assistance.

Your profile:

- A completed academic university degree in political science, international relations, cultural sciences, humanities, or other relevant fields in social sciences
- Profound knowledge of regional organisations in the project’s targeted region as well as strong interest in regional integration in general and in the security realm in particular
- Very good knowledge of English and Russian (knowledge of German is not required)
- Good knowledge of empirical methods of social science research and/or willingness to obtain this knowledge within the framework of the project

JLU aims to employ more women in academic research. We therefore particularly encourage female candidates to apply. JLU is regarded as a family-friendly university. Applicants with children are very welcome.

For further information, please contact Lea Konrad (lea.konrad@sowi.uni-giessen.de / Tel. 0641/99-32110).

Please send an electronic application (pdfs of letter of motivation, CV, documentation of your qualifications and competences as well as a 1-2 page long summary of a research idea fitting the framework of the project) stating the **reference number 418/03** until **September 2nd 2021** to lea.konrad@sowi.uni-giessen.de, addressing the chair of **Prof. Dr. Andrea Gawrich, Institute of Political Science, Justus Liebig University Giessen**. Applications from disabled people of equal aptitude will be given preference.