The Faculty of Sociology offers a part-time position as

Research Fellow (PhD position)

starting as soon as possible

(E13 TV-L, non-permanent position)

Your Tasks

The Faculty of Sociology is one of the largest institutions for social sciences in Germany. The Faculty brings together a broad spectrum of research and teaching in numerous disciplines: general sociology, a number of special branches of sociology (including political sociology and conflict sociology), political science, social anthropology, and social science. In addition, the faculty has been active in an international, structured doctoral programme institutionalised in the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology for more than ten years.

The chair of Conflict Sociology (Prof. Dr. Priska Daphi) offers a PhD-position (65 %) for three years. The team explores conflicts in the context of globalization and migration with a focus on political participation, civil society and social movements. In addition to research activities (70 %), the position entails tasks in teaching (20 %) and academic administration (10 %). The preferred starting date is early 2019.

Your Profile

We expect

- a postgraduate degree in sociology, political science or another relevant social science discipline
- relevant theoretical and methodological background in the area of political participation and/or social movements
- capacity to work independently
- interest in writing a PhD on the issues of polarization and protest in Europe
- creativity, cooperation skills, ability to work in a team

Preferable qualifications

- experience in empirical research projects about social movements as well as polarization, cleavages and/or inequality
- very good English language skills (oral and written)
- German language skills or willingness to learn German
- experience in quantitative and qualitative data analysis

Remuneration

Salary will be paid according to Remuneration level 13 of the Wage Agreement for Public Service in the Federal States (TV-L). As stipulated in § 2 (1) sentence 1 of the WissZeitVG (fixed-term employment), the contract will end after three years. In accordance with the provisions of the WissZeitVG and the Agreement on Satisfactory Conditions of Employment, the length of contract may differ in individual cases. The employment is designed to encourage further academic qualification. The position is advertised as a 65 % part-time job. In individual cases, this percentage may be reduced on request, as long as this does not conflict with official needs.

Bielefeld University is particularly committed to the career development of its employees. It offers attractive internal and external training and further training programmes. Employees have the opportunity to use a variety of health, counselling, and prevention programmes. Bielefeld University places great importance on a work-family balance for all its employees.

Application Procedure

For full consideration, your application should be received via either post or email (a single PDF) document sent to sekretariat.daphi@uni-bielefeld.de by the 13th of January 2019. Please mark your application with the identification code: wiss18322. In addition to the usual application documents (letter of motivation, CV, degree certificates) a short exposé of your planned PhD project is required (4-10 pages) specifying research question, analytical design and work plan of the planned project. Please do not use application portfolios and send only photocopies of original documents because all application materials will be destroyed at the end of the selection procedure. Further information on Bielefeld University can be found on our homepage at www.uni-bielefeld.de.

Bielefeld University has received a number of awards for its achievements as an equal-opportunity employer and has been recognized as a family-friendly university. The university welcomes applications from women. This is particularly true with regard both to academic and technical posts as well as positions in information technology as well as the skilled crafts and trades. Applications are handled according to the provisions of the state statutes on equal opportunity. Applications from suitably qualified handicapped and severely handicapped persons are explicitly encouraged.