

At the University of Bremen the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social Policy” invites applications for the position of

Student research assistant (10h / week)

starting 01 February 2018.

The position is part of the Collaborative Research Centre “Global Dynamics of Social Policy” (Globale Entwicklungsdynamiken von Sozialpolitik) funded by the German Research Foundation and will be located within the project

“B06: External reform models and internal debates on the new conceptualization of social policy in the post-Soviet region”

Project Description

The CRC comprises 16 projects and is divided into two sections. Projects in section A mainly rely on macro quantitative techniques to analyse and explain social policy dynamics in a global perspective. In the projects of section B, the mechanisms that link international interdependencies and national determinants to the spread, inclusiveness, and generosity of social policy dynamics are analysed by applying qualitative case study analyses.

In project B06, led by Prof Heiko Pleines, the impact of reform models coming from the OECD world, most prominently from the IMF and the World Bank, on reform debates and actual policy making will be examined for two policy fields in three countries (Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine). The project employs a multi-method approach based on content analysis complemented with expert interviews, public opinion polls, descriptive statistics and document analysis/desktop research.

Responsibilities

Within the project team, consisting of four academic researchers and two student research assistants, the student research assistants will be responsible for data collection and preparatory support for data analysis (e.g. interview transcription, basic text coding).

Requirements

- Enrolment in a social science or humanities degree at the University of Bremen (to be continued at least until September 2018)
- Near native command of Russian (for content analysis), knowledge of Ukrainian or Kazakh a plus
- Knowledge of poverty reduction policies, of the policy-making context in the case countries or of global governance approaches (esp. in relation to international organisations) is a plus
- Experience with content analysis, expert interviews and qualitative case study research is a plus

If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact Heiko Pleines (pleines@uni-bremen.de)

Applications including a cover letter, CV, and a current transcript of records, should be submitted until 17 December 2017 electronically (including up to two PDF files) to: pleines@uni-bremen.de

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