

The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Geography Department, in joint appointment with the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) e. V., Erkner, invites applications for a

**Full Professorship for “Human geography with a focus on spatial and social scientific infrastructure research” (W3-S)**

from as soon as possible.

The professorship will conduct research on the spatial effects of infrastructures using social scientific approaches and methods. We are looking for applicants with comprehensive expertise in the field of infrastructure research. Substantial knowledge of infrastructure couplings and of the inter-sectoral comparison of infrastructures (e.g., energy supply, climate governance, digital networks) is desirable. The professorship should be embedded in the disciplinary contexts of human geographical and social sciences, and contribute to topical interdisciplinary debates on governance, institutional change and conceptions of space.

Profound expertise in empirical social research (especially using qualitative methods), interdisciplinary and applied research (knowledge transfer, transdisciplinarity) is a requirement for this position. The successful candidate will have international research experience (publications, employment abroad, collaborations), experience in the acquisition and management of third party funded projects, excellent social skills and leadership experience.

The professorship will further strengthen the collaboration between IRS and the Geography Department at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

The IRS conducts research on societal change from a spatial perspective, aiming to contribute to the understanding of the historical roots of, societal causes and political strategies for current problems. The IRS actively promotes the transfer of research results to political processes that enable the sustainable development of cities and regions. The professorship is associated with a full-time position as coordinator of the newly founded Research Area “Politics and Planning” at the IRS. It is desirable that the appointee possesses excellent skills in management, including human resources management, and in shaping the profile of a broad research area including several research groups. Furthermore, we expect a vital interest in internal collaboration.

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is one of Germany’s eleven universities of excellence and is characterized by its strong research performance. The professorship will offer opportunities for joint research with, among others, the research groups at the Geography Department as well as inter-faculty initiatives (e.g., IRI THESys). The professorship includes a teaching engagement of two hours per semester week in the Geography Department’s study programs. The appointee is expected to contribute to research and academic self-administration at the Geography Department. Active involvement in the Berlin scientific community is desirable.

Applicants must meet the legal requirements for professorial appointments in accordance with § 100 of the “Berliner Hochschulgesetz.”

Humboldt-Universität and IRS are seeking to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching and specifically encourage qualified female scholars to apply. Researchers from abroad are

welcome to apply. Severely disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preferential consideration. People with an immigration background are specifically encouraged to apply. The reconcilability of work and family and the provision of equal opportunities for people of all genders are an important part of the personnel policy of both IRS and Humboldt-Universität.

Please send your application until December 4, 2020 quoting the **reference number PR/007/20** to: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Prof. Kulke (office located at Rudower Chaussee 25), Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin. The application should include, in this order: your CV including proof of your qualifications, a synopsis of your research and teaching profile (max. 2 pages), a list of publications, a list of taught courses, a list of past and current third party funded projects. Since we will not be able to return your documents, please submit copies in the application only. In order to speed up the processing of applications, please also submit your application in electronic form (pdf file) on <https://www2.mathnat.hu-berlin.de/humangeo>.

Further information on the position is available from Prof. Dr. Oliver Ibert ([oliver.ibert@leibniz-irs.de](mailto:oliver.ibert@leibniz-irs.de)) or Prof. Dr. Henning Nuissl ([henning.nuissl@geo.hu-berlin.de](mailto:henning.nuissl@geo.hu-berlin.de)) .

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