



Job Advertisement

The Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Erkner near Berlin, a non-university research institution and member of the Leibniz Association, is seeking to fill the following position in the research group "Borders and Memory" within the project of the Collaborative Research Center 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces" B01: Digital Planning and Working with AI: On the Construction of Places at the earliest possible time

a Doctoral Candidate (f/m/d, 75%, TV-L E13)

The position is limited until December 31, 2029.

About the project:

Subproject B01, part of the Collaborative Research Center B01, investigates the refiguration of spaces in the context of digital planning strategies in urban and rural areas, with a particular focus on the role of artificial intelligence (AI). The aim is to analyze the spatial figure of place and to understand how AI-based planning processes shape and change local identities. Case studies in rural regions of Chile combine qualitative methods such as expert interviews and ethnographic observations and are supplemented by secondary analyses from previous funding phases.

Your Tasks:

- Qualitative spatial research in rural areas in Chile: Focusing on digital planning and rural areas in rural communities in the Ñuble and La Araucanía regions of Chile
- Secondary analyses for longitudinal and cross-sectional studies from previous funding phases of the CRC
- Preparation of an exposé for a doctoral project related to the advertised project
- Publication of research results in peer-reviewed international journals
- Presentation of research results at national and international events
- Preparation of research results for a wider audience in the context of science communication

Your profile:

- Very good university degree (master's level) in sociology, ethnology, anthropology, planning sciences, empirical cultural studies, or human geography with a focus on spatial science approaches
- Proven knowledge of social spatial research and qualitative methods, knowledge of mapping methods, and experience in working with Grounded Theory analysis
- Knowledge of rural areas in Chile
- Theoretical knowledge of spatial sociology, sociology of knowledge, planning studies, digital studies with a focus on AI, or a high willingness to acquire this theoretical knowledge
- Strong written and spoken language skills in Spanish
- Strong German language skills and very good written and spoken skills in English

What we offer:

The IRS offers you a varied role with an innovative and interdisciplinary team in a dynamic scientific environment. Working in an interdisciplinary scientific team gives you the freedom to design and carry out your own doctoral project, which is thematically linked to the named project or the research topics of the " Borders and Memory " research group. A self-organized group of doctoral students organizes

regular meetings, scientific exchanges, and an annual retreat. Various collaborations with other researchers and research institutions, including international ones, as well as a series of events organized by the IRS, provide excellent networking opportunities and opportunities for stays abroad. The institute also offers a wide range of opportunities for continuing education and is committed to the health care of its employees.

Further points are:

- Remuneration and social benefits in line with TV-L
- Flexible working hours and the option of mobile working
- Family-friendly working conditions - IRS has been awarded the “berufundfamilie” certificate as a family-friendly employer since 2015
- Employer subsidy for the job ticket

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If you are interested in this position, please send your application documents (cover letter, resume, transcripts (of degrees), references, a one-page outline/description of ideas for a possible PhD thesis based on the project, quoting the **reference number 1325** in a **PDF file** by email by **December 21, 2025**, to: bewerbung@leibniz-irs.de

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