Appointment of Post-Doctoral Researcher

The Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Erkner (close to Berlin) is a publicly funded non-university research institution and a member of the Leibniz Association. The IRS is looking for a

**Postdoctoral Researcher (f/m/d)**

for its Research Group “Creativity and Space” of the IRS Research Area “Economy and Civil Society”. The position should be filled as soon as possible and will be fixed for 4 years.

**Working Context:**
The Research Group "Creativity and Work" is interested in the relations between creativity and work in the context of societal transformation processes. Against this background local manifestations of trans-local dynamics such as digitalisation, social transformation processes and increasing multilocality of work are investigated. The Research Group seeks to better understand time-spatial dynamics of creativity and innovation and their effects on multiple forms of (gainful) employment on the one hand, and to develop options for action for open regional innovation and economic policies on the other. The research contributions are mainly located in economic and social geography, but are of interdisciplinary nature.

The collaboration in the Research Group offers the opportunity to build up and implement one's own qualification track towards the development of a post-doctoral career path. The IRS offers a research context that supports the development of necessary core competencies, for example through participation in the conceptual and empirical phases of projects in the current research programme ("Post-Office - Spatio-temporal Transformation Processes in Knowledge-Generating Forms of Collaboration" and "Disruption - Critical Moments of Socio-spatial Change") as well as through the opportunity to apply for, lead and work on externally funded research projects. The IRS supports national and international networking in the scientific community and offers spaces for initiatives of knowledge transfer.

**Your tasks:**
- Active engagement in the entire research process in the aforementioned ongoing projects with particular focus on disruptive events that interrupt established routines and practices (incl. preparation, planning, implementation and analysis of empirical work),
- Development of an own academic profile for the post-doctoral career phase (development of a third-party funding and publication strategy, networking in the national and international communities),
- Engaging in proposal writing and publication activities of the research group,
- Publication of research results in peer-reviewed international journals,
- Presentation of research results at national and international events,
- Active involvement in transfer activities.

**Your profile:**
- Very good doctoral degree in human geography (focus on economic or social geography), spatial sciences, organisational sciences or other disciplines with a spatial focus,
- Proven knowledge in methods of empirical social science research,
• Knowledge of literatures and theory on at least two of the following topics: Creativity, knowledge, digitalisation, disruption and/or spatial theories,
• Knowledge in the area of new spatial, organisational, and social forms of working,
• Independent working style, openness to interdisciplinary cooperation and a very good English language in writing and speaking.

**Our offer:**
The IRS offers a varied job with a friendly, innovative and interdisciplinary team in a dynamic research environment. Working in a scientific team gives you the freedom to design and implement your own postdoctoral project, which is thematically linked to the above-mentioned Research Group and complements the beforementioned projects. You will be involved in various forms of scientific exchange organized by the IRS, such as International Lectures or IRS Seminars. The institute also offers a wide range of opportunities for continuing education and is committed to the health care of its employees.
The IRS guarantees the professional equality of all persons according to the Federal Equal Opportunities Act (BGleiG) and strives for an open and non-discriminatory work culture. We expressly welcome applications from women. Applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference if they are equally qualified. The IRS supports the compatibility of work and family and has been certified as a family-conscious company since 2015. We offer flexible working hours, the possibility of mobile work and a job ticket.

If this job advertisement appeals to you, please send your application documents (letter of motivation, CV, certificates (of degrees), references as well as a self-authored text (such as a chapter of your master’s thesis or your own publication) quoting the reference number 1223 in a single PDF-file by E-Mail by **07.01. 2024** addressed to bewerbung@leibniz-irs.de.

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