

Faculty/Department: Business, Economics, Social Sciences/
Seminar/Institute: Sociology

Universität Hamburg invites applications for a Research Associate for the project **“Fiction Meets Science (FMS) II: Varieties of Science Narrative, Subproject 4: Science in Postcolonial Speculative Fiction: Nature/Politics/Economies Reimagined”** in accordance with Section 28 subsection 3 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG). The position commences on 1st of May or later.

It is remunerated at the salary level TV-L 13 and calls for 65 % of standard work hours per week*.

The fixed-term nature of this contract is based upon Section 2 of the academic fixed-term labor contract act (Gesetz über befristete Arbeitsverträge in der Wissenschaft, WissZeitVG). The term is fixed for a period of 3 years.

The University aims to increase the number of women in research and teaching and explicitly encourages women to apply. Equally qualified female applicants will receive preference in accordance with the Hamburg act on gender equality (Hamburgisches Gleichstellungsgesetz, HmbGleiG).

Responsibilities:

Duties include academic services in the project named above. Research associates can also pursue independent research and further academic qualifications.

Specific Duties:

In FMS II literature and social science scholars study how science is portrayed in fictional narratives in diverse cultural contexts of science and public discourse production. The subproject "Science in Postcolonial Speculative Fiction: Nature/Politics/Economies Reimagined" examines the contemporary rise of utopian/dystopian postcolonial speculative fiction and asks how the geographical shift towards the Global South influences the imaginings of future societies and the role science plays at the nexus of nature, politics, and economies. The research addresses the question how cultural imaginations of future societies can be read as formats of social critique and be related to sociological knowledge. The position offers the opportunity to develop and write a PhD (in German or English). Duties include the conduction of theoretical and qualitative empirical research, cooperation with other researchers within the FMS network and active contribution to the implementation of FMS as a whole.

Requirements:

A university degree in a relevant field. Candidates should have an excellent Master's degree in sociology or cultural studies, good knowledge of social theory, cultural sociology, in particular sociology of literature, and qualitative methods of text analysis. Very good English language

* Full-time positions currently comprise 39 hours per week.



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fluency in reading, talking, and writing is re-quired because English is the common language of “Fiction meets science”. Communicative skills and abilities of teamwork are also important.

Severely disabled applicants will receive preference over equally qualified non-disabled applicants.

For further information, please contact sina.farzin@wiso.uni-hamburg.de or consult our website at <http://www.fictionmeetsscience.org>.

Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and copies of degree certificate(s). The application deadline is 10th of April 2018. Please send applications to: sina.farzin@wiso.uni-hamburg.de.